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PREFACE

MR. CHARLES DOWNER issued in 1893 a short story of Christ Church, based upon facts from the records and items gathered during the twenty-three years of his connection with the church. Some portion was taken from the Rev. Asa Eaton's historical account published in 1824, and from the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary sermon delivered by the Rev. Henry Burroughs in 1873.

This new guide to Christ Church, with an account of the restoration in the year 1912, has been prepared by Charles K. Bolton, Librarian of the Boston Athenæum. While previous publications have been consulted, including Mr. George W. McConnell's excellent History of Christ Church, its Rectors and Ministers from 1723 to 1884, still in manuscript, and the Rev. C. W. Duane's historical sermon printed in 1901, the text has been rewritten and much enlarged by the addition of hitherto unpublished material.

WILLIAM H. DEWART, *Rector*.



CHRIST CHURCH, BOSTON, ERECTED A.D. 1723, WITH THE
SALEM STREET ACADEMY AT THE LEFT

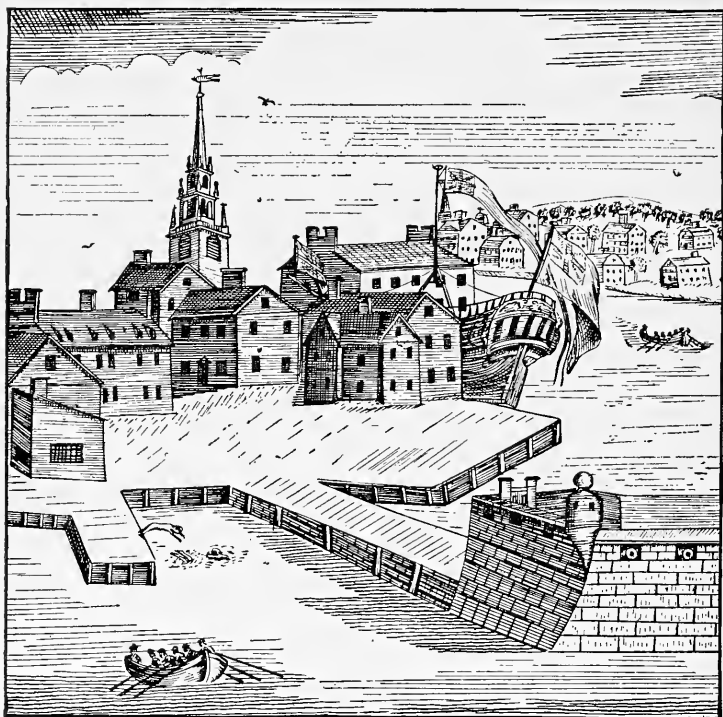
From a print by J. H. Bufford & Co. about 1840

CHRIST CHURCH

TWO generations had passed away in Boston before the Church of England gained a foothold. In 1686 the Rev. Robert Ratcliffe, sent out by the Bishop of London, instituted services in May at the Town House, and the people, partly from curiosity, flocked to hear him. The first burial with the use of the Prayer Book was in August, the first marriage in September. A church was organized June 15th of that year, and three years later the King's Chapel was finished. In another generation the Chapel had become inadequate for the Episcopalians of that day, and in 1722 subscriptions were invited for a new church at the North End.

Christ Church, now better known as "The Old North Church," on Salem Street, near the summit of Copp's Hill, was built in the year 1723, the corner stone being laid by the Rev. Samuel Myles, rector of King's Chapel, on the fifteenth day of April of that year, with the following words: "May the gates of hell never prevail against it." It was opened for public services on December 29th, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Timothy Cutler, D.D., the first rector, who took for his text the seventh verse of the fifty-sixth chapter of Isaiah: "For mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people." The building was not quite completed at that time, there being plastering and other minor work to be finished.

The church is a substantial brick structure seventy feet long, fifty-one feet wide, and forty-two feet high, with walls two and one-half feet thick. The belfry tower is

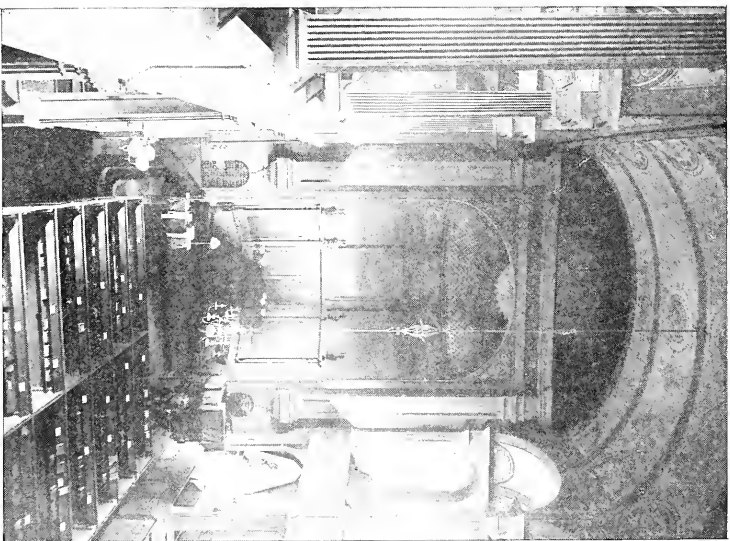


Christ Church

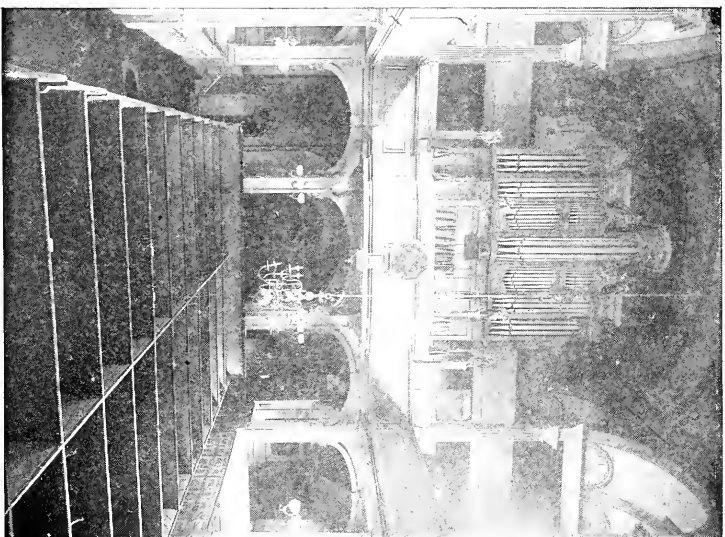
Charlestown

PAUL REVERE'S ENGRAVED VIEW OF HIS MAJESTY'S NORTH
BATTERY IN BOSTON, 1760

twenty-four feet square and eighty-five feet high; its walls are three and one-half feet thick. Above the brickwork is a tower of wood, built in sections, and surmounted by a spire, the extreme height of the whole being one hundred and seventy-five feet; the design of the original steeple is



CHRIST CHURCH. Interior 1806 — June, 1912
Showing the "sip" pews and the Painting of the "Last Supper"
by Penniman



CHRIST CHURCH. Interior 1806 — June, 1912
Showing Mr. Clark's upper gallery, the Thomas Johnson organ, and
the curtain decorations of John Johnson, the portrait painter

attributed to William Price, although the interior of the church follows the work of the famous architect, Sir Christopher Wren. The first spire which had stood as a landmark to the incoming mariner for many years was blown down in 1804 by a great gale, and was rebuilt in 1807. In 1847 it was lowered, repaired, and replaced in position; this was considered a great undertaking to have been completed without accident.

The north wall of the church was covered at an early date with clapboards to keep out the winter storms. These clapboards were removed in 1912 when the entire brickwork was restored to its natural color. The gray paint was removed by scorching and sand blast, and the bricks were then pointed. They are laid in what is known as English bond, while the Dillaway house just south was an example of Flemish bond.

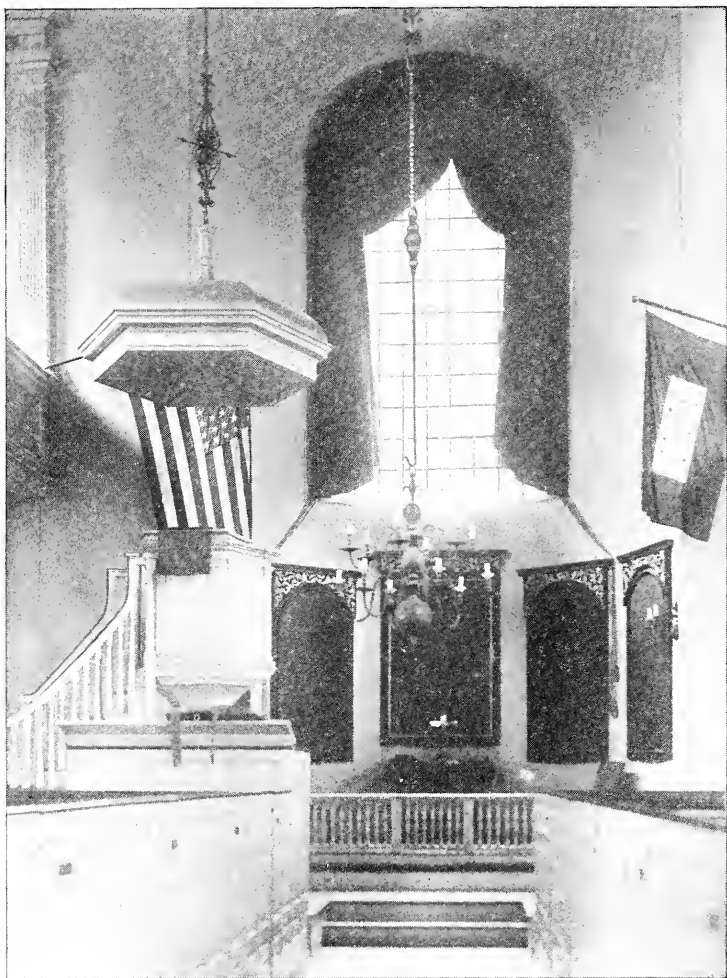
The church was reopened on Sunday, December 29, 1912, by the rector, the Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, with about seven hundred persons present, including ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, who sat in Pew number 25. Bishop Lawrence's sermon was printed by the vestry to commemorate the occasion.

THE INTERIOR

UPON leaving the street and its vistas of a transplanted Italy, the visitor feels the quiet and dignity of the church; this effect is due to the architectural treatment of the interior—the high galleries, arched ceiling, large windows with small panes of glass, fluted columns, and box pews. These pews, restored in 1912, retain the doors, hinges, and some of the panelling of the period of 1723, as well as the numbering of October, 1731. From 1806 to 1912 long slip pews were used to accommodate a large congregation, and the centre aisle was abandoned. The restoration to the ancient plan included also a return to the larger and more harmonious proportions of the original apse, with the large window, hitherto unknown to this generation, except in Burgis's drawing of 1723. The oak table used as an altar is supposed to be part of the original furnishing, but the painting of the "Last Supper" by John Ritto Penniman was given by Shubael Bell in 1812.

The alterations were carried out by R. Clipston Sturgis and his assistant, Henry C. Ross, authorities on colonial and ecclesiastical architecture. Bishop Lawrence obtained the necessary funds from generous persons interested in the preservation of the building, and gave every detail of the work his personal attention.

The restoration included the alteration and repair of the Parish House (now to be known as Catharine Hay



INTERIOR OF CHRIST CHURCH AFTER RESTORATION

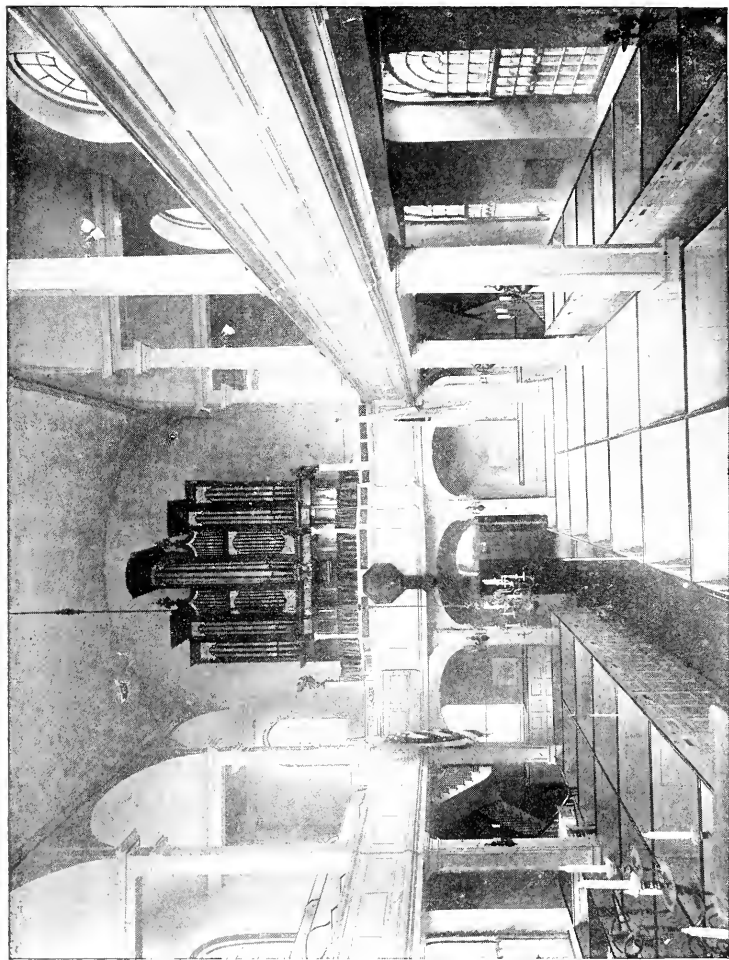
House, in memory of a charming woman of the Revolutionary period, whose bequest is invested in the property), the repair of the sexton's house, and the construction of a brick vestry to replace the dangerous building of wood. It was found necessary to have a new pulpit similar to those in other churches of the period, and that at Trinity Church, Newport, was followed. The stairs to the galleries have been reconstructed along the early lines, adding much to the beauty of the interior.

The organ was purchased and erected in its present position abt. 1759, taking the place of an earlier organ obtained in 1736. The builder was Thomas Johnston, of Brattle Street, Boston. The original case remains, but with the addition of the two end rows of pipes.

The four statuettes in front of the organ were presented to the church by Captain Gruchy, commander of the privateer *Queen of Hungary*, and other churchmen, owners, having been captured from a French vessel during the French and Indian War in 1746. They were intended for a church in the settlements on the St. Lawrence River. The statuettes are said to be excellent specimens of art, carved from wood of fine quality. The brass branches or chandeliers were obtained in 1723.

The clock in front of the gallery was made by Richard Avery in 1726, and the case was made by Thomas Bennett, proprietor of pew No. 56; it is still a good timekeeper. Captain Cyprian Southack, the commander of the *Province Galley* for nineteen years, and maker of many charts, gave a belfry clock before the year 1735, although it was not used until 1749, when it was repaired and put in place.

From 1831 to 1912 an upper gallery on each side of the organ extended across the church; it was built by



INTERIOR OF CHRIST CHURCH RESTORED

Showing the cherubim given by Captain Gruchy, and the Avery-Bennett clock

Thomas Clark for the children of the Sunday-school, although the present generation always referred to it as the "slave gallery." The entrance was by a flight of stairs leading from the tower. Mr. Clark was senior warden at the time of his death in 1832, at the age of seventy-three. He became town clerk of Boston in 1809 and served the town and city twenty-three consecutive years. His father, the Rev. Jonas Clark, entertained Adams and Hancock on the night when Paul Revere galloped into Lexington, and

"Saw the gilded weathercock
Swim in the moonlight as he passed."

A century before this gallery was built there were "negroe and Indian slaves" to the number of thirty-two in the parish, as the Rev. Mr. Cutler said in a letter of the year 1727.

Beneath the floor of the church there are aisles from which entrance is had to thirty-seven ancient tombs. It is said that over one thousand persons have been buried in these tombs.

On each pew-door the Massachusetts Society of the Colonial Dames has placed the name of the first owner of the pew, with the date of purchase, thus commemorating many Colonial families whose names would otherwise pass out of mind.



REV. WILLIAM H. DEWART
Rector since 1914



RT. REV. WILLIAM LAWRENCE
Rector 1912-1914

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL

TO the north of the church once stood the Salem Street Academy, a much smaller building than the present Parish House. Here many little people learned the three R's, and among them was Henry Ward Beecher, at that time living on Sheafe Street and leader of the Salem-Streeters in their campaigns against the Prince Street boys. His mother was an Episcopalian. The church was part-owner of the Academy, and on June 4, 1815, organized the first Sunday-school known in this part of the world, if we except Samuel Slater's private Sunday-school at Pawtucket, established in 1799, and two "charity schools," formed in 1810 and 1812. It had 365 scholars in attendance on its first Sunday, with John R. Cotting as superintendent. A roll of the scholars, written in 1817, with its quaint names of streets, lanes, and alleys at the North End, now hangs in the vestry. From this list we learn that Hannah Brown lived in Love Lane, Rachell Newell in Methodist Alley, Sarah Ingraham in Sun Court Street, Joseph Page in White Bread Alley, Nancy Jones and Peter Mash in Fish Street, and Elizabeth Vaughan in Daggett's Alley.

The Proprietors voted in 1825 that "a great, a very great effort ought to be made to suppress the disturbances and retain the scholars," and recommended that the eastern end "of the north gallery be assigned exclusively for the Sunday scholars." The special pews may still be seen.

Some impression of the success of the Sunday School in early days may be had from Dr. Eaton's statement in 1824 that more than one thousand children had been admitted up to that time and they had received upwards of three thousand books. The same year there were one hundred and thirty scholars, eighteen teachers, and a visiting committee of six persons. Sometimes there were over three hundred boys and girls in attendance.

Dr. Eaton for a time lived in the building then used for the Sunday School. This he playfully styled "the cloisters of Cripple-gate," and likened the steep stairs up which the children clambered into the upper schoolroom to the ladder of faith

Whereon their souls may rise
To mansions in the skies.



KITCHEN OF GUILDHALL, BOSTON, ENGLAND
The Pilgrim Fathers ate here when imprisoned

THE SIGNAL LIGHTS

THE 18th of April, 1775, is a memorable day in our annals, connecting the history of this church with that of the nation. On that evening a friend of Paul Revere had agreed to display a warning of the British march to Concord to destroy the military stores secreted there.

“ If the British march
By land or sea from the town tonight,
Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry arch
Of the North Church tower as a signal light:
One if by land, and two if by sea,
And I on the opposite shore will be
Ready to ride and spread the alarm
Through every Middlesex village and farm,
For the country folk to be up and to arm ! ”

The sexton, Robert Newman, waited quietly in his home, Salem Street, opposite North Bennet Street, for a report on the movements of the British regulars. Meanwhile Captain Thomas Barnard and Captain John Pulling, Jr., were abroad, searching for news. “ Presently from an upper chamber in the rear Newman climbed down by a sloping roof to the yard below, where — in order to reconcile traditional accounts — he would be joined by Captain Pulling,” a member of the vestry. Newman had the church keys, and together they crossed Salem Street; Newman entered, and Pulling from the outside locked the church door. In the dark the sexton took lanterns from the closet next to the belfry door, and went

“Up the wooden stairs with stealthy tread,
To the belfry chamber overhead;
And startled the pigeons from their perch
On the sombre rafters that round him made
Masses of moving shapes and shade —
Up the light ladder, slender and tall,
To the highest window in the wall!”

“His mission achieved, Newman hurried down to the floor below. Leaving the door in front undisturbed, he made his way out by a back window, now concealed by the bust of George Washington.” Stepping into Unity Street, he took North Bennet Street home, and entered his house by a rear window.¹

Paul Revere's friends meanwhile were rowing him silently past the *Somerset* man-of-war toward the Charlestown shore, where Colonel Conant and other patriots

“Watched with eager search
The belfry tower of the old North Church,
As it rose above the graves on the hill,
Lonely and spectral and sombre and still.”

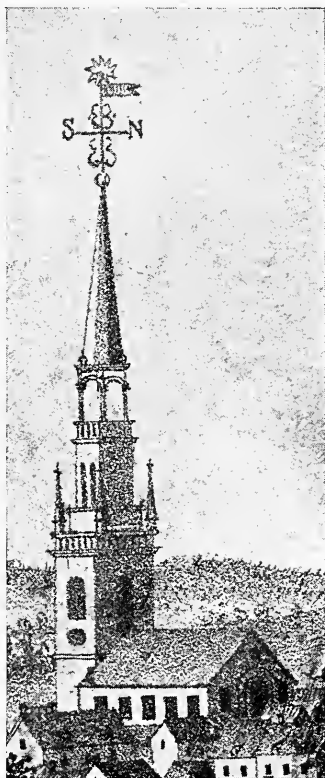
The lights were displayed before Revere reached Charlestown, to inform Colonel Conant and others, in order that they might send out expresses in case Revere should not be able to reach Charlestown, and to have a horse ready in case he should. The first question Paul Revere asked after he got into Charlestown was whether they had seen “our signals.” Colonel Conant and others answered that they had seen them.

A horse was ready for Revere in Deacon Larkin's barn, and he set off to warn Hancock and Adams at Lex-

¹ See Edward W. McGlenen's article in the Mass. Society of Colonial Wars Year-Book (1906), pp. 99-134; also Ellen Chase, “Beginnings of the American Revolution” (1910), vol. 2, p. 326; and Rev. Edward T. Sullivan's account in *The Church Militant* for November, 1911.

ington. William Dawes, the messenger sent out by Dr. Warren over Boston Neck, reached Hancock and Adams half an hour after Revere arrived. The two, Dawes and Revere, then went on toward Concord. They were overtaken by a Dr. Prescott, a patriot, who accompanied them. Half way between Lexington and Concord they encountered a body of British horsemen. Dr. Prescott's horse leaped a stone wall; Prescott escaped and got to Concord. Revere was captured, brought back to Lexington, and then allowed to go. This is Paul Revere's own story:

"On Tuesday evening, the 18th, it was observed that a number of soldiers were marching toward the bottom of the Common. About ten o'clock Dr. Warren sent in great haste for me, and begged that I would immediately set off for Lexington, where Messrs. Hancock and Adams were, and acquaint them of the movement, and that it was thought they [Hancock and Adams] were the objects. When I got to Dr. Warren's house I found he had sent an express by land to Lexington,—a Mr. William Dawes. The Sunday before, by desire of Dr. Warren, I had been to Lexington to Messrs. Hancock and Adams, who were at the Rev. Mr. Clark's. I returned through Charlestown; there I agreed with a

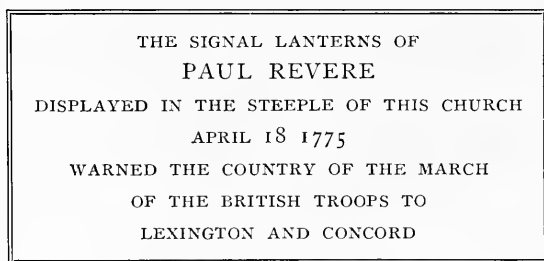


CHRIST CHURCH, 1742-43

Colonel Conant and some other gentlemen that if the British went out by water we would show two lanthorns in the North Church steeple: and if by land, one as a signal, for we were apprehensive it would be difficult to cross the Charles River or get over Boston Neck [in which case Conant was to send out an express to warn Hancock and Adams at Lexington]. I left Dr. Warren, called on a friend, and desired him to make the signals. I then went home, took my boots and surtout, went to the north part of the town, where I kept a boat; two friends rowed me across Charles River a little to eastward where the Somerset man-of-war lay. It was then young flood, the ship was winding, and the moon was rising.

They landed me on the Charlestown side. When I got into town I met Col. Conant and several others; they said they had seen our signals. I told them what was acting, and went to get me a horse; I got a horse of Deacon Larkin."

To commemorate this historical event, the City of Boston caused a tablet to be placed on the tower of the church October 17, 1878, containing the following inscription :



Robert Newman was one of four sons of a prominent Boston merchant, Thomas Newman, who had met with financial reverses. Robert's oldest brother bore the name of a great uncle, Sir Thomas Churchman, mayor of Norwich, England, in 1761; Sir Thomas's mother, Deborah Churchman, wrote frequently to her grandson, Thomas Newman, in Boston. Peter, another brother of Robert, became a teacher in Virginia; John, organist of Christ

Church, and Robert, the sexton, were mechanics or skilled artisans, such as Revere in Boston and Franklin in Philadelphia aimed to organize and improve. Robert was the image of his famous cousin, Isaiah Thomas, LL.D., the printer. His mother, Mary Thomas, after the death of her husband, Thomas Newman the merchant, married John Gibbs of Christ Church (pew No. 8), whose former wife was the daughter of the Rev. Timothy Cutler. The Newmans were, therefore, of the inner circle at Christ Church in colonial times.





REV. TIMOTHY CUTLER D.D. 1723-1765



REV. WM. MONTAGUE. 1786-1792



REV. MATHER BYLES D.D. 1768-1775



REV. WM. WALTER D.D. 1792-1800

THE TABLETS

CHRIST CHURCH

*The Church of England in the South Part
of the town (the first King's Chapel 1686)
being inadequate for the needs of the people
subscriptions were obtained in 1722
for a church at the North End*

*This the most ancient house of worship in Boston
designed after the manner of Sir Christopher Wren
was opened December 29, 1723*

*His Majesty George the Second
The Earl of Thanet, Governor Nicholson of
South Carolina Leonard Vassall Thomas Tudor
and Peter Faneuil as well as several
Persons living in Antigua and Barbadoes
were among its early Benefactors*

THE SPIRE

due to the bounty of Honduras Merchants
and built in 1740 was long a guide to mariners
It fell in the great gale of October 1804
The present reproduction was built in 1807
from drawings by Bulfinch

THIS PEAL OF EIGHT BELLS
the first made for the British Empire
in North America
was proposed by Gidney Clark of Barbadoes
cast by Abel Rudhall of Gloucester
in England 1744 and transported free
by John Rowe the Diarist
It proclaimed the repeal of the Stamp Act
on the morning of May 19, 1766 and the
surrender of Cornwallis in 1781

IN MEMORY OF
THE FIRST OFFICERS OF
CHRIST CHURCH

WARDENS
THOMAS GRAVES ESQ^R
MR. ANTHONY BLOUNT

VESTRY MEN
MR. HENRY FRANKLYN
MR. EDWARD WATTS
MR. JOHN GIBBS
GILLAM PHILLIPS ESQ^R
CAPT. JOHN CORNEY
MR. GEORGE MONK
MR. NORTH INGHAM
CAPT. ROBERT TEMPLE

In memory of
The Rev^d Timothy Cutler
Doctor of Divinity of Oxford and Cambridge
First minister of this Church
Born in 1683 Died in 1765
A graduate of Harvard College in 1701
President of Yale College in 1719
A profound scholar
A zealous missionary A lover of Peace
Resourceful and conciliatory

In Memory of
The Reverend Asa Eaton, S. T. D.
Born in 1778 Died in 1856
Untiring in the service of the Master
He gathered eight hundred in his Congregation
and two hundred children
into a Sunday School
the first in this Region
His parish knew no visible bounds

In memory of
The Rev^d Mather Byles Jr. D.D.
Rector of this Parish 1768-1775
and of the Parish of St. John, N. B. 1788-1814
Loyal to the King
he was banished by the act of 1778
"to suffer death without benefit of clergy"
if he should return

In memory of
Thomas James Gruchy
Junior Warden of this Church
and Merchant adventurer from Jersey
who in parlous times as
Captain of the Privateer Queen of Hungary
took from a French ship in the year 1746
the four figures of cherubim now in front
of the organ

Major John Pitcairn
Fatally wounded
while rallying the Royal Marines
at the Battle of Bunker Hill
was carried from the field to the boats
on the back of his son
who kissed him and returned to duty
He died June 17, 1775 and his body
was interred beneath this church

"The Bay Pew"

This Pew
for the use of the Gentlemen
of the Bay of Honduras
1727

CHRIST CHURCH

First stone laid April 15, 1723
by the Reverend Samuel Myles
Minister of King's Chapel

In colonial times
a centre of religious life at the North End
In the War of the Revolution
loyal to the American cause

Closed during the siege of Boston
and reopened under
the Reverend Stephen Lewis
who had been a chaplain in
Burgoyne's Army

During the Nineteenth Century
a parish church in the midst
of a changing population

Restored to its ancient beauty
in the episcopate of

William Lawrence, D.D., LL.D.

Bishop of Massachusetts

who by the desire of the Wardens and Vestry
became rector of the parish
on October 8, 1912

THIS STEEPLE

was restored

in 1912

by the

descendants of

PAUL REVERE

[Pew 62]

Pew of General Thomas Gage
Governor of the Massachusetts Bay
He witnessed the
Battle of Bunker Hill
from the steeple of this church

[Southack Arms]

In Honour of
CYPRIAN SOUTHACK
A benefactor of this CHURCH
Renowned as CAPTAIN of the Province Galley
under the Government of N: ENGLAND
& as a maker of Coast Charts
Employed much at Sea
& haveing perform'd Divers Signall Services
in Severall Expeditions against the FRENCH
he was granted in 1694 a GOULD CHAINE & MEDALL
as a mark of HIS MAJESTIES Royall Favour
CAPT. SOUTHACK was born in LONDON
Ye 25th of MARCH, 1662
& died in ye town of BOSTON
Ye 27th of MARCH, 1745

[Arms and Motto]

IN MEMORIAM
GVLIELMI MONTAGVE
ARTIVM BACC. COL. DARTMVTH.
IN NOV. HANT.
HVIVS ECCLESIAE
AB CIDDCLXXXVI AD CIDDCCXCII A.D.
RECTORIS SPECTATISSIMI
PEREGRINATORIS INSIGNIS VIRORVMQ
ILLVSTRIVM FAMILIARIS
QVI IVVENIS PRO PATRIA
SENEX PRO ECCLESIA
VIRILITER MILITAVIT
OBIIIT DIE XXII IVLII
ANNO DOMINI CIDDCCCXXXIII
AETATIS SVAE LXXVI

[Arms]

To the glory of God and in memory of

CHARLES WILLIAMS DUANE

for seventeen years rector of Christ Church

Born in Philadelphia, December 20, 1837. Died June 19, 1915.

Fearless for the Faith he walked humbly before God
and taught reverently the Word.

AN ENEMY TO OPPRESSION

In memory of

CAPT DANIEL MALCOM

A merchant of Fleet Street

and Junior Warden of this Church

A fearless opponent of the Revenue Acts

and leader of the Patriots

Who in 1768 opposed

Seizure of Hancock's sloop LIBERTY

by the frigate ROMNEY

He died October 23^d, 1769, and was

Buried ten feet deep in COPP'S HILL

Safe from British bullets ¹

After one hundred years of peace

British naval and military veterans of Massachusetts

commemorate here the King's soldiers and marines

who fell before the rail-fence and redoubt

in the tall grass on Bunker Hill

June the 17th, 1775

[Pew 25]

Theodore Roosevelt

sat in this pew

December 29, 1912

¹This Tablet was given by Daughters of the Revolution, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



ROBERT NEWMAN

The Sexton who hung out the lanterns



COMMODORE SAMUEL NICHOLSON

Who built "The Constitution"

THIS TABLET
IN MEMORY OF
THOMAS JOHNSTON
OF BRATTLE STREET
BOSTON
BUILDER OF THE ORGAN
IN THIS CHURCH
and worthy to be remembered
as an engraver
and heraldic painter
He died May 8, 1767
at the age of 59 years

[Pew 54]
REVERE PEW
Paul Revere's son
Joseph Warren Revere
bought this pew in 1808
It is still owned by
his descendants

IN MEMORY OF
COMMODORE SAMUEL NICHOLSON
SENIOR OFFICER
IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY
AND FIRST COMMANDANT
OF THE CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD



After honorable service in the
Revolution
he became First Commander of
the Frigate Constitution
He was a member of the Massachusetts
Society of the Cincinnati
and a Proprietor of Christ Church

Born in Chestertown, Maryland, in 1743
Died in Charlestown December 29, 1811
BURIED BENEATH THIS AISLE

[Pew 30]
For the use of
His Excellence the Governor
and other gentlemen
1733-1793

These twelve bricks from a Guild Hall cell—prison of the Pilgrim Fathers—and a flag from in front of the doorway leading from the Lower Hall to the cells were sent by John Beaulah, mayor of Boston in England, to William Herbert Dewart, rector of Christ Church at the end of its second century, in order to continue kindly feeling between the old and the new Boston.

THOSE WHO SERVED
IN THE WORLD WAR
1914-1918

William Henry Bibbey
Henry Davis Bigelow
Edward Livingston Bigelow
Stanwood Knowles Bolton
John Daniel Chequer
George Edward Christerson
Albert Irving Derby
Dr. George Strong Derby
Donald Drought Dewart
Frederic Henry Dewart
Russell Elliott Freeman
Hugh Walker Ogden
William Sanby, Jr.
Albert Pearson Shedd
John Thomas Slade, Jr.
George Henry Turner
Charles Edward Wilson

In Memory of
The Revd Asa Eaton, S.T.D.
Rector 1805-1829
This pulpit
is given by his grandson
William S. Eaton




THE BUST OF WASHINGTON
Given by Shubael Bell


THE BUST OF WASHINGTON


AT the right of the chancel, in a niche made by the southeast window, is a bust representing George Washington that was presented to the church in 1815 by Shubael Bell, Esq., senior warden. It is reputed to have been modeled from a plaster bust known to have been made by Christian Gülliger of Boston in 1790 (Bentley's Diary, Vol. 1, p. 158). This monument is called the first memorial to Washington erected in a public place. Bishop Coxe, of Western New York, said that when General Lafayette visited the church in 1824 he was asked by the Rev. Father Brinley if that was a good likeness of General Washington. Lafayette replied, while pointing to the bust, "Yes, that is the man I knew, and more like him than any other portrait." It has a face thinner and more forceful than that shown by Gilbert Stuart in the famous unfinished painting now at the Museum of Fine Arts.

THE BELLS

THE tower contains the first peal of (8) bells brought to this country. The bells were purchased by subscription, costing £560. The combined weight is 7,272 pounds, the smallest bell weighing 620 and the largest 1,545 pounds. Each bell has an inscription around the crown, telling its own story.

No. 1. "This peal of eight bells is the gift of a number of generous persons to Christ Church in Boston, New England. Anno 1744. A.  R."

No. 2. "This church was founded in the year 1723, Timothy Cutler, Doctor in Divinity, the First Rector. A.  R. 1744."

No. 3. "We are the first ring of bells cast for the British Empire in North America. A.  R. 1744."

No. 4. "God preserve the Church of England. 1744."

No. 5. "William Shirley, Esq^r, Governour of Massachusetts Bay in N: England. Anno 1744."

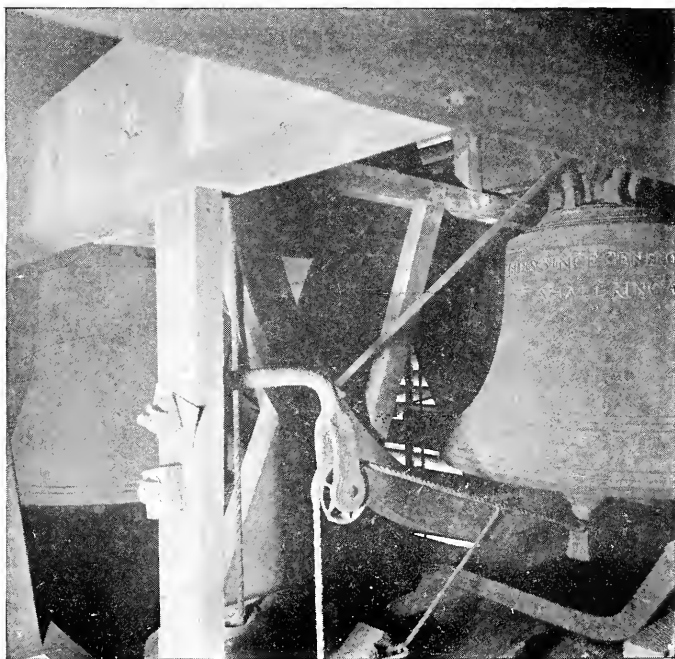
No. 6. "The subscriptions for these bells was begun by John Hammock and Robert Temple, Church Wardens, 1743, & compleated by Rob^t Jenkins and Jn^o. Gould, Church Wardens. Anno 1744."

No. 7. "Since generosity has opened our mouths our tongues shall ring aloud its praise. 1744."

No. 8. "Abel Rudhall of Gloucester cast us all. Anno 1744."

They are now considered the best and sweetest toned bells in the country. A description of the bells and a list

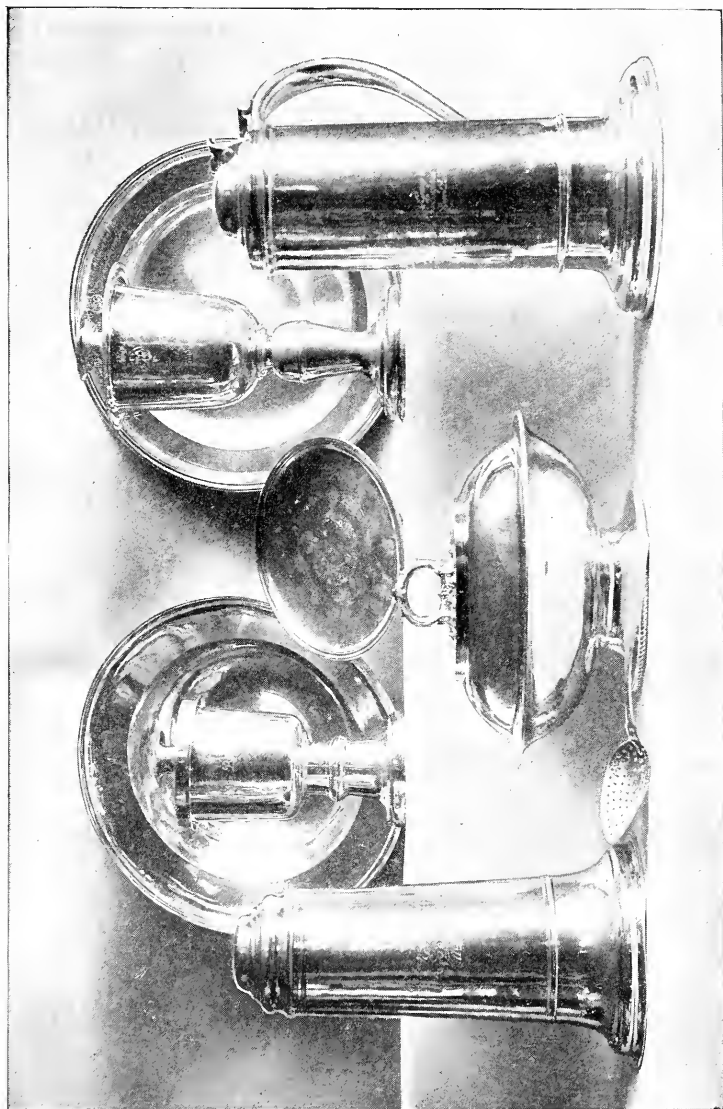
of subscribers will be found in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register for January, 1904. Dr. Nichols writes of them, "No more precious heirloom has been transmitted from our Colonial forefathers, and it is to be hoped that these bells may be preserved for many centuries as examples of the superior handicraft and kindly feeling of our English ancestors." Four or five years after the bells were put in place a guild of bell ringers was formed. The names of the young men were John Dyer, Paul Revere, Josiah Flagg, Bartholomew Ballard, Jonathan Law, Jonathan Brown, Jr., and Joseph Snelling.



No. 1

CHRIST CHURCH BELLS

No. 7



Flagon from
the Congregation
in 1729

Baptismal Basin
from A. Savage
Chalice and Paten
from Thomas Tudor
Note Spoon

Paten from
Leonard Vassall
Bread Dish from
Mrs. Smith

Alms Basin, Chalice,
and Paten from
King George II

Flagon from
King George II

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

THE Communion Service of the church is now deposited at the Museum of Fine Arts, where several pieces are always on exhibition. In the time of Elias W. Goddard it was kept under the wooden stairs of his house in Unity Street, and it no doubt endured like vicissitudes in the century before his day. It consists of thirteen pieces :

A chalice and paten, made by John Edwards and given by Captain Thomas Tudor in 1724, in place of a "silver Romish cup" previously given by Tudor, and sold to Edwards.

Two flagons, made by Rufus Greene, and given by the congregation in 1729. Engraved by Thomas Sturt White, of Williams's Court, Cornhill, late of London.

A paten, made by John Read of London in 1715, and given by Leonard Vassall, Esq., in 1730. The family arms are beautifully engraved in the centre.

A baptismal basin, made by Jacob Hurd, and given by Arthur Savage, Esq., in 1732. The family arms were engraved upon it by Thomas Sturt White. This large and handsome piece of silver stood on a brass stand.

Two flagons, made by Joseph Allen and Mordecai Fox in London, and inscribed: "The Gift of His Majesty King George II To Christ Church at Boston in New England at the Request of His Excellency Govern^r Belcher, 1733." They bear the Royal Arms.

Chalice and paten, makers, donor, inscription, and Royal Arms being the same. Taller than that given by Captain Tudor. The paten refitted by Mr. Hillard.

Alms basin, makers, donor, inscription, and the Royal Arms being the same.

A bread dish with cover, made by Churchill and Treadwell, and presented by Mrs. Hannah Smith in 1815.

A mote spoon (perforated), made by Gooding, and inscribed: "Presented to Christ Church by H N Baxter Decr 25th 1833."

A paten, made in London, 1724-5, inscribed with the Vassall crest, and "S[arah] P[arkman] to L[ucy] R[ogers] 1835." Given by Mrs. James H. Means, 1916.



MAJOR JOHN PITCAIRN

From the photograph in the Lexington Historical Society collection, taken from a miniature owned by the Rev. E. A. Pitcairn-Campbell, of Vicars Cross, Chester, England

THE BIBLE AND THE LIBRARY

A BIBLE was presented to the church by King George II, in 1733, together with 14 Prayer Books. The Bible, printed by John Baskett at Oxford, England, in 1717, is very large and the edition is celebrated on account of an error in the printing. In the title at the top of a page on which a portion of the twentieth chapter of St. Luke is printed occur the following words: "The parable of the vinegar," instead of "The parable of the vineyard," on account of which error it was termed the "Vinegar Bible." The illustration is from the portion containing the error. Mr. G. W. McConnell in 1887 obtained from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts a copy of part of its "Journal" for 15 June, 1781:

"Christ's Church in Boston is now supplied with a Clergyman who was Deputy Chaplain to General Burgoyne's Regiment of Light Dragoons and made prisoner about three years ago; was then exchanged and went to New York; from thence, in August, 1778, he removed to Boston and offered to take the oath of allegiance to the United States. In the fall of that same year he was employed to preach at that Church, and has since made such alterations in the Liturgy as are necessary to accommodate it to the present Rulers. This no other Episcopal Clergyman in the New England Province has done. His name is Stephen Lewis, and he is a native of England."

By our records it appears that on March 31, 1779, the Vestry voted

"That the Reverend Mr. Lewis be desired to prepare a proper form of Prayer for the Congress of the United States, for the several States, and for their success in the present important Contest, to be used Daily in the Church."

Of the five Prayer Books which are left, one which can be seen in the Vestry has pieces of paper pasted over the prayers for King and Royal family, with words written upon them to meet the necessary change; for the "Church of England" had become the "Protestant Episcopal Church of America." The other four have been altered by cutting out the Morning and Evening Prayer, Litany, and Communion Service, and substituting in their place the corresponding services from the American Prayer Book. In one instance a partial folio edition has been utilized, which was issued in the year 1792 solely for the purpose of such alterations, containing only the "parts in general use." In another the alterations were made from the first folio edition, 1795, of the Standard Prayer Book. The other two books were altered by a combination of extracts from the partial and the full folio edition. The five books represent in an interesting manner the historical development of the Prayer Book.

Dr. Cutler, writing to the Lord Bishop of London in 1724, said: "The Hon^{ble} Society [for the Propagation of the Gospel] hath furnished us with a Library to the value of Ten Pounds Sterling, under my particular care." In October, 1727, the rector reported a gift of six folios and thirty-five octavos from Barry Tankard, Esq., of Antigua, one of the early benefactors of the church. The Secretary of the Society wrote in 1746 that the Rev. William Dechair "hath made an handsome present of Books."

There now remain some ninety volumes, which are preserved in a bookcase in the vestry room.¹

¹ Mr. Percival Merritt, Librarian of the Christ Church Collection, has issued an exhaustive study of the early Parish Library.



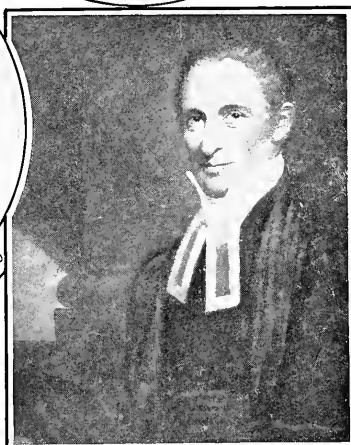
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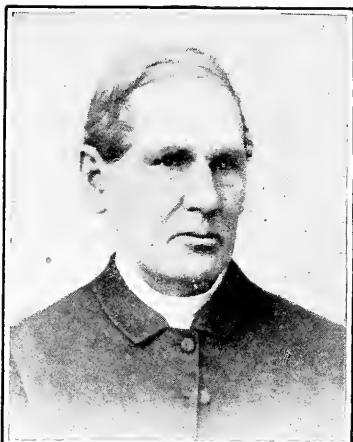


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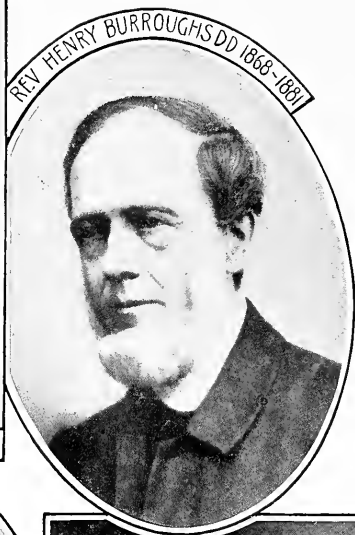
RECTORS

Dates revised by Mr. Percival Merritt

Rev. Timothy Cutler, D.D.	1723 to 1765
Rev. James Greaton, Assistant	. . . . .	1759 to 1768
Rev. Mather Byles, Jr., D.D.	. . . . .	1768 to 1775
Rev. Stephen Christopher Lewis	. . . . .	1778 to 1784
Rev. William Montague	. . . . .	1786 to 1792
Rev. Tillotson Bronson, Assistant	. . . . .	1789 to 1790
Rev. William Walter, D.D.	. . . . .	1791 to 1800
Rev. Samuel Haskell	. . . . .	1801 to 1803
Rev. Asa Eaton, D.D.	. . . . .	1805 to 1829
Rev. Horatio Potter, Assistant	. . . . .	1828
Rev. William Croswell	. . . . .	1829 to 1839
Rev. John Woart	. . . . .	1840 to 1852
Rev. William T. Smithett	. . . . .	1853 to 1860
Rev. John Thompson Burrell	. . . . .	1861 to 1868
Rev. Henry Burroughs, D.D.	. . . . .	1868 to 1882
Rev. William Henry Munroe	. . . . .	1882 to 1892
Rev. Charles Williams Duane	. . . . .	1893 to 1910
Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, D.D.	. . . . .	1912 to 1914
Rev. William Herbert Dewart, L.H.D.	. . . . .	1914 to —



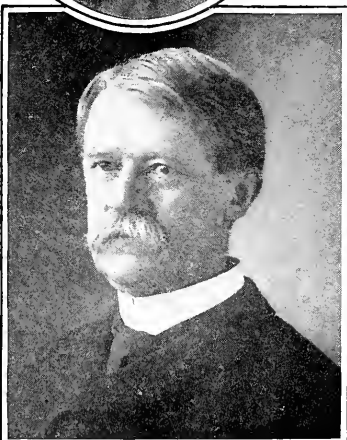
REV JOHN T. BURRILL 1860-1868



REV HENRY BURROUGHS DD 1868-1881



REV WM. H. MUNROE 1881-1892



REV CHAS W DUANE 1893-1910

OWNERS OF PEWS BEFORE THE CHANGE IN FORM OF PEWS IN 1806

The present numbers were assigned in 1731. The numbering used 1724-1731 is given in parentheses.

1. William Hyslop (South 2) 1725. By S. W. stairs.
George Lynam
Peter Cade
Capt. William Sharrand and Jonathan Payson
2. Capt. Timothy Daniel (S. 3) 1725.
Amos Wood & Co.
Thomas Cannington
Capt. John Beney
3. Capt. Henry Pigeon (S. 4) 1725.
Thomas Brown
Capt. James Smithwick
Capt. Abraham Bartlett
Thomas May
4. Capt. Joseph Bissell (S. 5) 1724.
Capt. John Crossman
Edward Dumaresq
Nathaniel Tidmarsh
Capt. Daniel Malcom
5. Capt. William Abrahams (S. 6) 1726.
Thomas Homans
Elizabeth Chick and John Gibbs
George Bright
Samuel Parker
Lynde Walter
6. George Skinner (S. 7) 1724.
Christopher Ranks
Dr. Thomas Kast
Joseph Ingraham
7. Capt. John Corney (S. 8) 1724.
Henry Loughton
Capt. George LeDaine
Mary LeDaine
8. Mary Gibbs (S. 9) 1726.
John Gibbs

9. William Patten (S. 10) 1724.
Alexander Chamberlain
John Trueman
Bartholomew Nason
Isaac Schofield
10. Major Leonard Vassall and Dr. George Pemberton (S. 11) 1724.
Capt. Richard Humphrey
John Greateon
Capt. John Dunn
Thomas Walker
Capt. Matthew Grover
Mary and — Revere
11. Henry Franklyn (S. 12) 1724.
Leonard Vassall
Samuel Sewall
Capt. Robert Temple
Mehitable Temple
Samuel Nicholson
12. Samuel Weeks (S. 13) 1726 (?). Next the altar.
Mrs. Weeks married Hon. John Wheelwright in 1741.
Mrs. Elizabeth Wheelwright
Robert Temple, Jr.
John Pigeon
Rev. James Greateon
John Gould
Dr. William Lee Perkins
George Bright
Eleazer Homer
Martin Bicker
13. Edward Watts (S. 14) 1725.
Capt. John Jones
Capt. Newark Jackson
Amy Jackson
Capt. James Smithwick
John Trueman
Margaret Connell
14. Anthony Blount (S. 15) 1725.
Blount was first Junior Warden.
Capt. Roger Dench
John Gould
John Jones
James Sherman
William Young
James Singleton
Francis Dennis
15. James King (S. 16) 1724.
Capt. John Crocker
Robert Jenkins
Joseph Ballard
16. Robert Jenkins (S. 17) 1724.
Capt. Isaac Johnson
Capt. Eleazer Johnson
Francis Shaw
John Cookson
Capt. William Cunningham
William Young

17. William Jones (S. 18) 1724.
 Capt. Edward Wyer
 Capt. Stephen Brown
 Francis Shaw
 John Hooton
18. Capt. Robert Harris (S. 19) 1724.
 John Hooton
19. Stephen Perks (S. 20) 1726.
 Widow Perks alias Boer
 Capt. John Domett
 Mrs. Ann Domett
 Edward Wentworth
20. Capt. Thomas Lawlor (S. 21) 1725.
 Thomas Lawlor
 Joseph Dakin
21. For strangers and wardens. (No number.)
22. Abraham Winter (S. 22) 1724.
 H. Barlow
 Widow Rachel Barlow
23. Walter Browne and Thomas Price (S. 23) 1724.
 Capt. Nicholas Winkley
 Capt. Nicholas Cozzens
 John Baker
 William Brown
24. Daniel Ballard (S. 24) 1724.
 Joseph Ballard
 John Pigeon
 Dr. Isaac Foster
 Samuel Shaw
 William Jackson
 William Whittington
 Samuel Ruggles
25. William Price, John Howard, and Adam Tuck (S. 25) 1724.
 Price, print and map-seller, published Burgis's "South East View
 of ye Great Town of Boston" in 1725. First organist of Christ
 Church, 1736-43, and designer of the steeple.
 Theodore Roosevelt sat here December 29, 1912.
 Joseph Majory and William Price
 William Price
 Capt. Thomas James Gruchy
 Capt. Daniel Malcom
 John Stoddard
 Samuel Shaw
 Dr. Nathaniel Smith
 James Leverett
26. Capt. Robert Ward (S. 26) 1724.
 George Monk
 Capt. William Wingfield
 Thomas Potts
 Charles Williams
 William Shaw
 Dr. Alexander A. Peters
 John May, Jr., and Joseph W. Revere

27. Rev. Timothy Cutler (S. 27) 1723. Rector's pew.
Thomas Potts
Dr. Thomas Kast
28. Dr. Thomas Graves (S. 28) 1726. First Senior Warden.
Chief Justice Superior Court of the Province.
James Barrick
James Sherman
Robert Fennelly
29. Capt. William Maxwell (S. 29) 1724.
Capt. Nathaniel Shores
Hugh McDaniel
Capt. Francis Butler
Adam Winthrop (1794)
James Andrew
30. Gillam Phillips (S. 30) 1724 to 1732. Then for the Governor.
Edward Edes
31. Capt. Joseph Sleigh. New 1730. Below the pulpit.
Thomas Armstrong
Dr. Caspar York
Moses Bradley
32. Capt. Robert Temple (N. 29) 1726.
Promoter of emigration from the North of Ireland.
William Launce
Edward Totthill
Capt. Jewett
Capt. Elias Tennant
Giles Tidmarsh
Nathaniel Tidmarsh
Rev. William Walter
33. Capt. Thomas Hender (N. 28) 1727.
Mrs. Jane Ivers
Thomas Ivers
Charles Williams
John Smith
34. Henry Whitten (N. 27) 1724 (?).
Capt. John Hammock
James Ivers
35. Edward Stanbridge (N. 26) 1724.
Henry Stanbridge
Capt. John Pulling
Perez Martin
John Odin
36. Capt. George Barrow and Capt. Wm. Abrahams (N. 25) 1724.
Capt. William Abrahams and Ebenezer Cheevors
Capt. William Abrahams
Nathaniel Abrahams
Thomas Walter
Matthew Lodge
37. Henry Vennor and John Sowersby (N. 24) 1724.
Mrs. Sarah Vennor and Mrs. Rachel Sowersby
Benjamin Goodwin

38. Capt. Arthur Savage (N. 23) 1725.
Samuell Marshall
John Gould
Thomas Brown
Timothy Gay
39. Wardens (No number).
Capt. Hugh McDaniel
Capt. Timothy McDaniel
John Bright, Jr.
Bartholomew Nason
Edward Wentworth
Shubael Bell
40. Hon. William Clark and Mary Tomlins (N. 22) 1726.
Clark's sister married the Rev. Cotton Mather.
Robert Thompson
Capt. William Willson
William Somers
Capt. John Cullum
John W. Folsom
41. Isaac Dickman (N. 21) 1725.
William Dickman
Joseph Ballard
42. Capt. John Boulderson (N. 20) 1724.
Capt. John Crocker
Capt. John Southen
Francis Crequi
43. William Rideout and Increase Gatchell (N. 19) 1724.
Robert Bonyng
Joseph Patterson
Dr. Amos Winship
John Adams
44. Widow Lettis Bedgood (N. 18) 1724.
Capt. George Willson
Capt. Patrick Connell
Mrs. Margaret Connell
Mrs. Mary Lobb
William Trueman
45. North Ingham (N. 17) 1724.
Capt. Hugh McDaniel
John Pulling
Capt. John Pulling, Jr.
Anthony Othman
46. "Bay Pew" (N. 16) 1727-59. For the Gentlemen of the Bay of
Honduras, Matthew Bond, Capt. Richardson and
others.
Jonathan Dakin (1760-68)
Thomas Dakin (1768-74)
Rev. William Walter
47. "Bay Pew"—East half 1727-32 (N. 15).
Capt. John Beney (1732-37)
Bay Pew (1737-59)
Sarah Bodkin (1761-74)

48. Capt. George Bridge (No number) 1730. Under the pulpit stairs.
 Thomas Seymour
 Mrs. Abigail Seabury
49. Edward Mills, Jr. (N. 14). Built 1727.
 North of the chancel.
 Dr. Edward Ellis
 Capt. William Farrington
 John Cerney
 Bellingham Watts
 Dr. James Pecker
50. Isaac Branch (No number) 1732.
 By the door to the vestry.
 Widow Branch alias Hill
 Capt. Edward Gwyn
 William Lambert
 Nathaniel Sheaffe
 Robert Newman (1792-99)
51. John Petell (N. 13) 1724.
 John Trueman
 Capt. Francis Tree
52. Capt. Robert Richardson (N. 12) 1726.
 Capt. Robert Harris
 Robert Ford
 Joseph Storey
 Thomas Fairservice
53. Capt. Samuel Mould or Moale (N. 11) 1724.
 Capt. John Dethick
 John Dobel
54. Thomas Tippin (N. 10) 1724.
 Edward Lutwyche
 Capt. Nérias Vaughan
 Capt. Thomas Tripp
 William Boyes
 Andrew Newell
 { Paul Revere's son
 { Joseph W. Revere
 { owner 1808
55. William Brigg (N. 9) 1724.
 Capt. Thomas Whitwood
 John Pulling
 Capt. John Odin
 James Sherman
 Capt. John Pulling, Jr.
 William and Thomas Walter
56. Thomas Bennett (N. 8) 1724.
 Capt. John Beney
 Richard Lux
 Joshua Underwood
 Capt. James Hornby
 Capt. John Riordan
 William and Thomas Walter
57. John Rachell (N. 7) 1724.
 Capt. John Ayres
 Robert Gardner

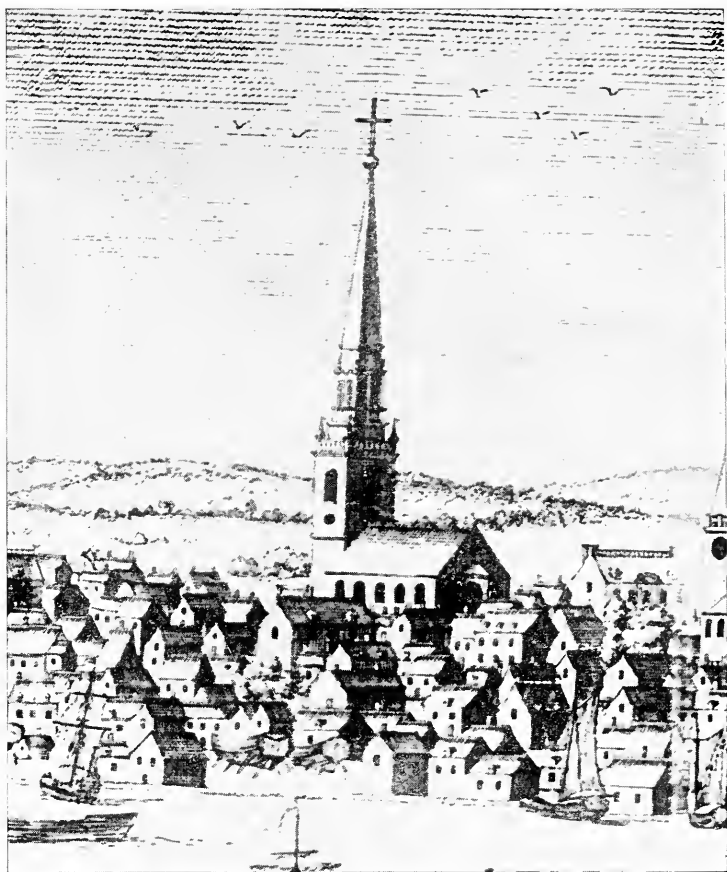
58. Daniel Crockford (N. 6) 1724.
 Capt. John Crocker
 Thomas Parker
 Capt. Patrick Connell
 Mrs. Connell
59. Capt. John Craister (N. 5) 1723. Obliterated 1735.
 Frederick Hamilton
60. Nicholas Roach (N. 4) 1724.
 Ann Cook and sisters
 Frederick Hamilton
 Mrs. Margaret Gray and John Pulling
 Capt. Peter McTaggart
 George Bright
 William Dickman
61. John Hooton (N. 3) 1724.
 Richard Hooton
 Benjamin Burt
62. Capt. Joshua Amy (N. 2) 1727.
 By N. W. stairs. By tradition occupied by General Gage.
 William Stevens
 Capt. William Shepard
63. Richard Pearson (No number). Built 1730.
 In front of closed door north of tower.
 Pearson and Brown
 Mrs. Davis
64. Christopher Blackford and John Tompkins 1730 (N. 1).
 Against north wall of tower.
 George Monk
 James Pitcher
 James Sherman
65. Christopher Kilby and Joseph Pickman (S. 1) 1731.
 Against south wall of tower. Kilby married Hon. William Clark's
 daughter.
 Jane Ivers
 Peter Smith
 Capt. Bellingham Watts
66. Capt. Robert Jarvis (No number). Built 1730.
 In front of closed door south of tower.
 Roger Passmore
 Francis Wells

GALLERY PEWS

67. }
 68. } Organ here.
69. John Biers (S. gal. 1) 1744.
 Daniel Adams
70. — Gatchell (S. gal. 2) 1749.
 — Ruge?
 William Burbeck

71. William Cradock (S. gal. 3) 1751.
72. ——— Trueman (S. gal. 4) 1751.
73. Anthony Browne (S. gal. 5) 1734.
William Haze
Benjamin Spooner
74. ——— Ellis (S. gal. 6)
Robert Bonyng 1734-76
John Aish
75. [Edward?] Dumaesque (S. gal. 7)
Jeffery Milwood 1754
Samuel Smith
Jeffrey Miller
Owen Richards
William Prince
76. ——— Ellis (S. gal. 8)
77. William Ivers (S. gal. 9) 1741
—— Dakin
William Mills
William Cordwell
78. John Gould ()
Jacob Pound 1747
Giles Brown
Robert Newman
79. Edward Alderchurch (N. gal. 1) 1728.
Thomas Poor
William Graves
80. William Furlington (N. gal. 2) 1726.
William Congdon
81. William Liswell (N. gal. 3) 1727.
Capt. Weston
John Liswell
82. James Simmons & Wm. Wickliffe (N. gal. 4) 1727.
Rebecca Simmons
Narias Vaughn
Francis Vaughn
Capt. Josiah Jones
Mary Hoff, widow
Constant Wattle
John Hazen
John Kiston (Keaton?)
83. John Chanter (N. gal. 5) 1726.
—— Langdon
—— Elliott
Hannah Bell
John Keaton
84. Arthur Weaver (N. gal. 6) 1726.
William Woar
Daniel Merritt
George Bright
William Boies

85. Andrew Hunter and William Ellis (N. gal. 7) 1727.
Francis Hubbard
86. Thomas Hender (N. gal. 8) 1726.
— Adams
William Summers
87. Capt. Farrington (N. gal. 9) 1727.
88. Catherine Peartree (N. gal. 10) 1727 - 31
Gibbins & Kean
89. Mr. [George] Bridge (N. gal. 11) 1727.
Joseph Gray
— Letch
Mrs. Letch
90. Capt. Forster (N. gal. 12) 1726.
Marmaduke Holmes
Mr. [William?] Burbank
91. Unsold.
92. Unsold.
93. Joseph Ingraham 1737.
Front Gal. N. side of organ
William Burbank
Capt. Connor
94. Gabriel Hebert 1737.
Middle pew N. side of organ
95. No record.
96. Capt. Elias Tennant 1737.
Front Gal. S. side of organ
Thomas Fannal [Faneuil]
Edward Lacks
Samuel Condon



CHRIST CHURCH, BOSTON, 1723

Enlarged from the Burgis-Price view, drawn by William Burgis in 1723
The steeple shown here was added in 1740 from a "draught"
by William Price

HISTORICAL EVENTS

1722. Donors of more than one-half the cost of the church :
The Earl of Thanet, Gov. Francis Nicholson, Madam Jane Bonnell, John Barnes, George Cradock, Job Lewis, Henry Franklyn, Thomas Graves, Gillam Phillips, William Maxwell, James Sterling, Edward Watts, Dr. Freeman and Son, Benjamin Atkinson.
1723. *April* 15. "Mr. Miles y^e church minister laid the first stone att y^e new north church of England."
December 29. "Their first meeting att Mr. Cutler's new church, at y^e north. A great appearance, said to be." — *Jeremiah Bunstead's Diary*.
1723. A negro woman gave 10^d toward the construction of the church.
1724. Thomas Wells "to Sett in the Gallerys and keep the boys in order."
1725. Anthony Blount and wife transferred the land on which the church stood (purchased in 1722) to the Building Committee, who conveyed it to the vestry.
1726. *May*. Twenty-four pews to be built in the North and South galleries.
Voted that "No nailes nor pinns be put in the pillars nor the front of the Gallerys with a design to hang Hatts on."
1726. 20s. to Mr. Tickle the sexton "as incouragement for former services due."

- 1726. The Avery-Bennett clock purchased.
- 1726. Earliest record of payment for greens for Christmas decoration.
- 1727. The "Bay Pew" for the Gentlemen of the Bay of Honduras, in recognition of their gift of logwood. "To be handsomely lin'd with red chany."
- 1731. Gillam Phillips (Senior warden 1729) published Pigot's Vindication of the observation of Christmas day.
- 1731. *October.* Pews numbered as at present (1913).
- 1732. Second tomb allowed. To be seven feet six inches deep, eight feet wide and high enough to support the floor.
Salem Street paved.
- 1733. Large stone step laid at the Great Door of the Church.
- 1733. On Christmas day the church wardens to stand at the great doors to receive alms for the poor.
- 1735. Mention of "Sundry parts of an old clock in a case, the gift of Captain [Cyprian] Southwack."
- 1736. The ten commandments ordered to be painted.
- 1737. A collation for the Gentlemen of the Bay who gave twenty-one tons of logwood.
- 1738. Posts set up in the street.
- 1740. John Vanhauntsburghen gave £40 toward a steeple, and Honduras merchants offered seventy tons of logwood. In 1742/3 a cask of brandy was put at the disposal of Capt. William Fletcher for bringing the logwood from Honduras.
- 1742. Gidney Clark of Barbadoes suggested a peal of bells and offered £100.

1744. The bells purchased. John Smibert the portrait painter was a contributor.
A lanthorn purchased for 1-4-0.
1746. John Childs "flew from the steeple of Dr. Cutler's church" three times. The last time he discharged a pistol in his descent.
1749. "Voted that the clock which Captain Southwack gave be finished with all speed." It was reported as "now up" in the belfry in 1752.
1755. Electrical points fixed on the steeple.
1759. The Bay Pew to be divided and sold.
1766. The town voted to maintain the "Old North clock."
1767. Communicants numbered about fifty.
1774. *December*. "Dr. Biles little Flock which are more for liberty than any Episco. Congregation north of Maryland." — *Ezra Stiles's Diary*.
1775. *April to 1778 August*. The church closed.
1775. *June 17*. General Gage said to have watched the Battle of Bunker Hill from the steeple.
June. Major Pitcairn buried in the Weekes tomb (No. 20) below pew No. 30.
1777. The Selectmen ordered Newman the sexton to ring the bells at 1 and 9 at night.
1778. The Rev. Stephen Lewis, deputy chaplain to General Burgoyne's Regiment of Light Dragoons, offered to take the oath of allegiance and assumed charge of the services.
- 1784-7. Clapboards put on the north wall.
1789. Joseph Ballard died, an officer of the church for forty years.
1790. Lottery tickets purchased. One drew a prize of \$4.00.

1797. Mr. Newman to cease ringing the bells.
1802. Decent fence on Salem Street to be erected. Petition to General Court for a lottery denied.
1802. Wall pews to be painted or lined in white; side or middle pews "to be lined with green stuff of any kind," and "no Pew shall be raised at the Top above the common level."
1804. The steeple, 191 feet high, blown down.
1805. George Bright died, an officer for nearly forty years.
1806. A "large and elegant" stove given by John Odin. Box pews replaced by "slip" pews, but retaining the old doors, hinges, and panelling. Pulpit moved from north of the chancel to a spot in front of the centre of the chancel. The Revere pew at this time was where pew No. 54 now is.
1807. The steeple rebuilt, 175 feet high.
1810. Salem Street Academy built. Replaced by present Parish House in 1848.
1811. Samuel Nicholson, first Commander of the Frigate *Constitution*, buried here. He sat in the S. E. corner.
1812. Penniman's "Last Supper" given; pulpit and sounding board removed to the north so that the picture might be seen.
1812. Pews in the North Gallery altered to accommodate "Black People."
1815. Bust of Washington, called first public memorial in America, given. Sunday-school open 8 to 10 A.M. About 180 communicants.
1817. "The stove has copper pipes which extend the whole length of the aisles and terminate in flues on each

side of the chancel. These are inclosed by pilasters, supporting an entablature and cornice over the chancel." *S. Bell.*

- 1826. Mrs. Jane Keen Richardson left an estate in Chambers Street to the wardens. Sold in 1912.
- 1827. Catharine Hay bequest of \$1,000.
- 1828. Rev. Horatio Potter (the Bishop) an assistant.
- 1829. Collection for sufferers in the Augusta (Ga.) fire.
- 1830. New pulpit placed in the centre of the chancel.
Old pulpit given to Otis, Mass.
- 1833. Deborah Carpenter gift of \$1,000.
- 1843. Mrs. Ann Phelan's legacy of \$200 for the Poor.
- 1847. *August.* The steeple was lowered to the street, repaired and replaced.
- 1848. *December 23.* The church first lighted with gas.
- 1852. *July 19.* The church afire from a rocket, sent up in the Daniel Webster celebration. The steeple took fire the next year, April 28.
- 1855. Renovation through legacy from W. A. Howard of Warwick. \$8,358.86 paid over in 1884.
- 1860. Pulpit placed where box pew No. 30 now is (1913).
- 1861. A portable furnace purchased.
- 1870. The present clock placed in the spire.
- 1872. The Band of the Grenadier Guards visited Boston by permission of Queen Victoria and in their scarlet uniforms attended services here.
- 1873. 150th anniversary December 28 and 29. Sermons by Rev. William A. DesBrisay, great-grandson of Rev. Mather Byles, Jr., and Rev. Theodore Eaton, son of the rector.
- 1878. *October.* The Paul Revere tablet placed on the belfry.

1879. Gift of \$5,000 from Lydia Loring.
1884. Rev. Mr. Burroughs's robing room in the North East corner of the church removed to the vestry. Floor carpeted and cushions placed in floor pews.
1887. George Walker McConnell died. Historian of the church.
1889. John Fox died January 27, aged 82. Senior Warden 24 years.
1890. David Pulsifer died, long an officer of the church.
1894. Bells overhauled.
1894. Rev. S. F. Smith, author of "America," read his poem on Paul Revere April 18th, beginning
Hang out the lanterns! Let oppression quail.
The pen of history shall record the tale.
1911. Thomas Hall died July 24, aged 68. An indefatigable collector of records as Parish Clerk.
1912. *June to December.* Restoration under Bishop Lawrence, through the gifts of generous citizens.
1913. Rev. Timothy Cutler's chair, given by Mrs. A. S. Harwood.
1914. *April 12.* Bishop Lawrence's last sermon as rector, before DeMolay Commandery of Knights Templars.
1914. Chancel restored by Mrs. William Lawrence as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. Cunningham, a proprietor.
1914. Bequest of \$25,000 from Miss Caroline L. W. French.
1918. Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi, built on site of Dillaway house.
1921. Two ancient carved oak discs from York, England, possibly from Christ Church; selected by the senior warden. An anonymous gift.

1922. *March 6.* The clergy of the Diocese dined with the rector and listened to his historical address.
1922. Flag stone from ground floor of Guild Hall, Boston, England, and twelve bricks from floor of cell in which the Pilgrim fathers were imprisoned. Given by the Mayor, Mr. John Beaulah, and vouched for by Mr. G. E. Clarke, M. I. C. E. Borough Engineer.



JOHN FOX
Senior Warden 1865-1898



GEORGE W. MCCONNELL
Historian of the Church

150TH ANNIVERSARY

MR. MCCONNELL'S ACCOUNT

THE one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Church was celebrated by appropriate exercises on Sunday the 28th and Monday the 29th of December, 1873. The Church was very handsomely decorated with flowers, wreaths and branches of evergreen. Over the chancel was a brilliantly sparkling silver star upon a blue ground. On the pilasters at the sides of the chancel were medallions with the dates 1723 and 1873. The ample folds of the British and American flags were gracefully hung in front of the organ gallery, and above them was the sentence pronounced at the laying of the first stone :

“May the Gates of Hell never prevail against it.”

The massive silver plate used in the communion service was displayed upon the altar, both on Sunday and Monday evenings ; the soft light of the candles in the ancient chandeliers mingled with the brighter glare of the gas burners ; and the bells pealed as merrily as they did at Christmas tide in the last century. The singing was by a choir of scholars from the Sunday school, under the direction of the accomplished organist, Mrs. William Kent Stone.

The sermon on Sunday morning was preached by the Rev. William A. DesBrisay, a great-grandson of the Rev. Mather Byles, Jr., who was Rector in 1773 ; and in the after-

noon the Rev. Theodore Eaton, Rector of St. Clement's Church, New York (son of the Rev. Asa Eaton, D.D., who preached the centennial sermon on December 28, 1823), preached the sermon. Both these clergymen took part with the Rector in the services of the day, and read from the Bible and Prayer Book used by Dr. Byles and Dr. Asa Eaton.

In the evening the Right Rev. Bishop Paddock made his first visitation to the Church. As the Bishop and Clergy entered, the choir sang "Come hither, ye faithful." Evening prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. DesBrisay and by the Rector, after which addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. Eaton and the Rev. Drs. Wells and Vinton. The Rector then announced the presence of the Bishop, and, turning to him, presented the congregation to him as their Chief Pastor. The Bishop made a very beautiful and impressive address, urging upon the people the duty of quitting themselves like men, in imitation of those who had gone before them, after which he offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.

On Monday evening, the 29th, the Church was completely filled, and among those present were the Minister of King's Chapel and other clergymen, members of the Church Brotherhood, the Historical Society, and two societies composed of British residents. The hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung at the entrance of the Bishop and Clergy. Evening prayer was begun by the Rev. John T. Burrill, Rector of the Church from 1860 to 1868. The fifth selection of psalms was read by the Rev. C. C. Tiffany, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church upon the Greene Foundation. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. DesBrisay and the second by the Rev. Dr. Eaton. The Nicene Creed was said by the Rev. Dr. Hoppin, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge, and the Prayers by the Rev.

R. H. Howe, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy, the oldest parish of our communion in this Commonwealth. After the delivery of the address by the Rector, commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Church, the whole congregation joined in the Old Hundredth Psalm, and the Bishop said the concluding Prayers and pronounced the Benediction.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

1922-1923

Rector

Rev. William Herbert Dewart, L.H.D.

Wardens

Charles Knowles Bolton
William Sanby (deceased)

Vestry

The Rector	Matilda Frances Bibbey
The Wardens	George Richardson
The Treasurer	Albert Livingston Sawyer
The Clerk	William Chase Conant

Treasurer

Henry Watmough Montague

Clerk

Henry Forbes Bigelow

Librarian

Edward Percival Merritt

Organist

George Russell Loud

Choir

Matilda Frances Bibbey	Ellen Dooley
Gertrude Helen Bibbey	Roy Richardson Gardner
Charles Franklin Brown	Florence Nixon Gordon
Emily Parker Burdon	Adelaide Melissa Hayes
Beulah Astrid Cederborg	Martha Webster Leavitt
Alfreda Coleridge	Ernest Elmer Nerdstrom
William Joseph Coleridge	George Richardson
Rachel Edwards Stevens	

House Resident

Miss Mary Kent Davey

Sexton

John Thomas Slade

Bell Ringer

Charles Henry Jewell

House Committee

Mrs. N. Russell Cazmay	Mrs. William C. Conant
Miss Matilda F. Bibbey	Mrs. William H. Dewart
Mrs. Henry W. Montague	

Committee on Student Work

Mrs. William H. Dewart	Mrs. N. Russell Cazmay
Mrs. William C. Conant	Miss Mary Kent Davey

Women's Guild

President—Mrs. Henry W. Montague

First Vice-President—Miss Matilda F. Bibbey

Second Vice-President—Mrs. N. Russell Cazmay

Treasurer—Mrs. William C. Conant

Secretary—Miss Lillian F. Sanby

Miss Gertrude Helen Bibbey	Miss Katherine Hall
Mrs. Henry Forbes Bigelow	Miss Adelaide Melissa Hayes
Mrs. Charles Knowles Bolton	Mrs. William Hershon
Miss Emily Parker Bordon	Mrs. Sumner Hollingsworth
Mrs. Howard Benjamin Burlingame	Mrs. William Vail Kellen
Mrs. Robert Manton Burnett	Mrs. David Marshall
Miss Frances Calhoun	Miss Jenny D. McAvoy
Mrs. John Jameson Chickering	Miss Georgine Eliza McConnell
Mrs. Annie Christerson	Miss Harriet Hancock Newman
Mrs. Ernest L. Clifford	Miss Marion Nicholson
Mrs. Frederic Cunningham	Mrs. George Richardson
Miss Mary Kent Davey	Mrs. William Sanby
Mrs. John George Dearborn	Mrs. John Thomas Slade
Mrs. William Herbert Dewart	Mrs. Henry Harrison Sprague
Miss Emma Jenny Fitz	Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer
Miss Florence Nixon Gordon	Mrs. Frances Frost Walsh

200th Anniversary Committee

Mrs. William C. Conant	Miss Mary Kent Davey
Rt. Rev. Samuel G. Babcock	Rev. William H. Dewart
Miss Matilda F. Bibbey	Mrs. William V. Kellen
Mrs. Charles K. Bolton	Mrs. Henry W. Montague
Howard B. Burlingame	Miss Harriet Hancock Newman
Mrs. William Sanby	

LIST OF PEW HOLDERS

CHRIST CHURCH, 1922

<i>Pew</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Address</i>	
26	Babcock, Rt. Rev. Samuel G.	1 Joy St.	Boston
6	Baker, Ezra H.	88 Commonwealth Ave.	Boston
11	Beal, Boylston A.	American Embassy	London
14	Beebe, E. Pierson	234 Beacon St.	Boston
16	Bibbey, Miss Matilda F.	21 Wales St.	Dorchester
72	Bibbey, Miss Gertrude H.	21 Wales St.	Dorchester
12	Bigelow, Henry F.	142 Chestnut St.	Boston
85	Blish, Henry A.	14 Arthur St.	Somerville
88	Bolton, Charles K.	48 Allerton St.	Brookline
49	Bosson, Albert D.	County Sav. Bank	Chelsea
7	Burlingame, Howard B.	33 Day St.	W. Somerville
43	Burnett, Harry	Hotel Vendome	Boston
80	Calhoun, Miss Frances	73 Elm St.	Charlestown
18	Cazmay, Mrs. N. Russell	8 Plympton St.	Cambridge
5	Cheney, Rev. William F.	90 Maple Place	Dedham
22	Conant, Mrs. William C.	Newton St.	Weston
41	Coolidge, Harold J.	303 Berkeley St.	Boston
15	Cunningham, Mrs. Frederic	135 Ivy St.	Longwood
73	Dana, Richard Henry	Hotel Touraine	Boston
78	Davey, Miss Mary Kent	193 Salem St.	Boston
79	Douglas, John, heirs	55 Chester St.	Newton Hlds.
52	Endicott, William C.	163 Marlborough St.	Boston
36	Fitz, Miss Emma J.	66 Chestnut St.	Boston
20	Gardner, Roy R.	77a Charles St.	Boston
69	Gifford, Nathaniel W.	127 Upland Road	Cambridge
40	Greene, Mrs. Edwin Farnham	6 Chestnut St.	Boston
71	Hoar, John	13 West Cedar St.	Boston
38	Hollingsworth, Mrs. Sumner	5 Fairfield St.	Boston
34	Hopkins, Mrs. M. Theresa B.	46 Commonwealth Ave.	Boston
24	Houghton, Miss Elizabeth G.	Hotel Vendome	Boston
58	Houghton, Frederick O.	133 Beacon St.	Boston
3	House by the side of the Road		
75	Ide, Henry J.	125 Commonwealth Ave.	Boston
87	Jones, John K.	37 Austin St.	Charlestown
37	Kellen, Mrs. William V.	390 Commonwealth Ave.	Boston
13	Kiernan, William L.	161 Irving Ave.	Providence, R. I.
44	Lamb, John	31 St. James Ave.	Somerville
27	Lawrence, Rt. Rev. William	122 Commonwealth Ave.	Boston
33	Lincoln, William H.	Beech Road	Brookline

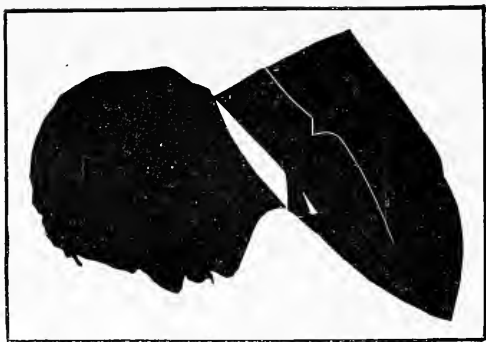
86	McConnell, Miss Georgine E.	21 Howe St.	Somerville
9	Merritt, Edward Percival	343 Marlborough St.	Boston
23	Montague, Henry W.	32 West Cedar St.	Boston
42	Newman, Miss Harriet H.	2 Franklin Ave.	Chelsea
74	Nutting, George H.	119 Aldrich St.	Roslindale
45	Ogden, Hugh W.	837 Tremont Bldg.	Boston
76	Park, Lawrence		Groton
77	Payson, Charles Clifford	14 Allerton St.	Brookline
57	Pray, Mrs. Arthur H.	Hotel Wadsworth	Boston
55	Richards, Mrs. Anna M.	334 Marlborough St.	Boston
29	Richardson, George	464 Commonwealth Ave.	Boston
59	Robb, Dr. Hunter	55 Bacon St.	Winchester
70	Sawyer, Albert L.	99 Emerson St.	Haverhill
10	Sprague, Mrs. Henry H.	33 Fairfield St.	Boston
8	Stevens, Mrs. Elizabeth R.		Swansea
19	Stone, James E.	277 Medford St.	Somerville
28	Sturgis, R. Clipston	153 Beacon St.	Boston
54	Thayer, Mrs. Nathaniel	22 Fairfield St.	Boston
17	White, Mrs. Ellen L.	The Charlesgate	Boston
32	Winthrop, Mrs. Thomas L.	38 Beacon St.	Boston

Free: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 60 and 61



CHARLES DOWNER

Author of the First Guide to the
Church, and Sexton



THOMAS HALL

Clerk to the Proprietors
1882-1911

LIST OF OFFICERS OF CHRIST CHURCH

Based on the lists made by Thomas Hall

1723-1922

It seems fitting that an attempt should be made at this anniversary to record in print a list of those who have served the church in various capacities. It will require months of research, however, to reach completeness and accuracy. For the opportunity to finance this humble beginning we are indebted to the Women's Guild of Christ Church.

Senior Wardens

1724-25	Thomas Graves	1788	Dr. Amos Winship
1726	Anthony Blount	1789-93	James Sherman
1727	Edward Watts	1794-95	Martin Bicker
1728	Leonard Vassall	1796-1801	George Bright
1729	Gillam Phillips	1802	Dr. Thomas Kast
1730	George Monk	1803	Dr. Nathaniel Smith
1731	William Patten	1804	Dr. Thomas Kast
1732-34	William Price	1805-11	Lynde Walter
1735	John Hooton	1812-19	Shubael Bell
1736	Robert Jarvis	1820-31	Thomas Clark
1737	Robert Jenkins	1833-35	John Bacon
1738	Edward Lutwyche	1836-37	John Bacon
1739-40	Hugh McDaniel	1838-39	Robert Farley
1741	John Hamock	1840	Robert Farley
1742	Robert Temple	1841	Dr. John Bacon
1743-46	Robert Jenkins	1842-53	Elias Waters Goddard
1747	John Baker	1854	William Wallace Mair
1748	Alexander Chamberlain	1855-56	Abel H. Coffin
1749-50	John Gibbs	1857-58	David Pulsifer
1751	Joseph Ballard	1859	John Robert Haslam
1752	John Pullen	1860	James P. Davis
1753	Giles Tidmarsh	1861	John Robert Haslam
1754	John Baker	1862-63	William Wilkinson
1755	Alexander Chamberlain	1864	Captain Richard Girdler
1756-57	John Baker	1865-88	John Fox
1758	John Pigeon	1889-1911	Thomas Hall
1760-62	Thomas Ivers	1911, Aug.	James Edward Stone
1763-66	Francis Shaw	1912-17	Charles Knowles Bolton
1767-71	Thomas Ivers	1918-19	Richard Henry Dana
1772-81	John Hooton	1920-	Charles Knowles Bolton
1782-87	James Sherman		

Junior Wardens

1724-25	Anthony Blount	1794-1801	Dr. Thomas Kast
1726	Edward Watts	1802	Dr. Nathaniel Smith
1727	Leonard Vassall	1803	Dr. Thomas Kast
1728	Gillam Phillips	1804	Lynde Walter
1729	George Monk	1805-11	Robert Fennelly
1730	William Patten	1812-19	Thomas Clark
1731	William Price	1820-23	John Sowdon
1732-34	John Hooton	1824-31	John Sowdon
1735	Robert Jarvis	1833-35	Frederick Clark
1736	Robert Jenkins	1836-37	Charles Williams
1737	Edward Lutwyche	1838-39	Frederick Henry Simpson
1738	Hugh McDaniel		
1739-40	John Hamock	1841	Elias Waters Goddard
1741	Captain Robert Temple (John Jones elected)	1842-47	William Munroe
		1848-53	William Pearce Parrott
1742	John Hamock	1854-56	Eugene H. Sampson
1743-44	John Gould	1857-58	John Robert Haslam
1745-46	John Baker	1859-60	Robert T. Whitten
1747	Alexander Chamberlain	1861	Oliver Leonard Briggs
1748	Thomas James Gruchy	1862	Joshua Frederick Sampson
1749-50	Joseph Ballard		
1751	John Pullen	1863	Oliver Leonard Briggs
1752	Giles Tidmarsh	1864	Dana Estes
1753	Robert Jenkins	1865-69	Edward McGinness
1754	Alexander Chamberlain	1870-72	Benjamin Woodward
1755	Hugh McDaniel	1873	Thomas H. Johnston
1756-57	Robert Temple	1874-76	Robert Copithorn
1758	Thomas Ivers	1877-81	Thomas Mair
1760-62	Francis Shaw	1882-87	Francis James Munroe
1763-65	John Pigeon	1887-88	Thomas Hall
1766	Thomas Ivers	1889-90	George Henry Sparhawk
1767-69	Daniel Malcom		
1770-71	John Hooton	1891-1908	Frederick Russell Le Count
1772-81	James Sherman		
1782-87	George Bright	1908	George Henry Sparhawk
1788	John Stoddard		
1789-91	Charles Williams	1909-10	William Sanby
1792	John Stoddard	1911	James Edward Stone
1792-93	George Bright	1911 (Aug.)-22	William Sanby

Vestry Men

Extreme dates

1724-5	Henry Franklyn	1742-53	John Sowdon
1724-5	Edward Watts	1742	Philip Dumaresq
1724	John Gibbs	1742	Captain Elias Tennant
1724-27	Gillam Phillips	1744-57	Henry Stanbridge
1724	John Corney	1744-69	John Baker
1724-40	George Monk	1744-48	Daniel Ballard
1724-25	North Ingham	1745-61	Robert Bonyng
1724-43	Captain Robert Temple	1745-74	Alexander Chamberlain
1725-39	Samuel Weekes	1746-54	Captain Thomas James
1725	William Maxwell		Gruchy
1726-38	Henry Laughton	1747-53	Captain Edward Wyer
1726-39	Thomas Graves	1748-55	Captain Robert Ford
1726-40	William Patten	1749-69	Captain Wm. Shepherd
1726-43	William Price	1750-54	Giles Tidmarsh
1726-28	Henry Whitten	1750-54	John Hooton, Jr.
1727-28	James King	1765-66	} John Hooton
1729	Leonard Vassall	1782-1800	
1729-33	Thomas Carrington	1751-54	William Lambert
1729-39	Captain Robert Harris	1752-88	Joseph Ballard
1729-31	John Howard	1755-56	John Stevens
1729-52	George Skinner	1755-66	John Pigeon
1729-44	John Hooton	1755-79	Francis Shaw
1730-33	Arthur Savage	1756-59	John Jenkins
1730-33	Edward Stanbridge	1757-64	Captain Timothy
1731-34	William Rideout		McDaniel
1731-73	Robert Jenkins	1758-86	Thomas Ivers
1732-39	William Abrahams	1759-75	Robert Temple, Jr.
1732-36	Edward Lutwyche	1759-70	Joseph Dornett
1732-33	John Rachel	1760-62	James Barrick
1733-46	Robert Jarvis	1761	Casper York
1733-49	Captain Henry Pigeon	1762-74	William Graves
1734-36	William Ivers	1764-74	Thomas Brown
1734-69	Hugh McDaniel	1765-72	Nathaniel Abraham
1734-49	Isaac Dickman	1766-68	William Dickman
1735-71	John Gould	1766-68	John Greateon, Jr.
1736-58	Captain John Hamock	1767-81	John Cookson
1736-38	Thomas Parker	1767-1804	George Bright
1737-50	Captain Nicholas Cuz- zens	1768-86	John Pulling, Jr.
		1769-94	James Sherman
1738	Samuel Marshall	1771	John Doble
1739-51	John Gibbs	1772-73	Dr. James Pecker
1739-56	John Pulling	1772-80	Dr. Isaac Foster
1739-56	John Jones	1772-75	Francis Crequi
1741	Captain Richardson	1775-83	William Boyes
1741	Capt. Nathaniel Shores	1775-79	Thomas Dakin
1741	Edward Dumaresq	1776-77	Capt. James Southwick

1778-81	Capt. Abraham Bartlett	1806	Joseph Adams
1778	John Ayers	1807	John Trueman
1779-82	Captain Pascal Nelson Smith	1807-09	Matthew Lodge
1780	George Lobb	1807-19	John Oden
1783-90	Nathaniel Tidmarsh	1807-10	Edward Edes
1788-95	Samuel Nicholson	1807-16	Samuel Ruggles
1788	Thomas Walker	1807-15	Benjamin Goodwin
1788-93	Charles Williams	1807-10	Robert Gardner
1788	John Bright	1808	John May, Jr.
1788-1800	William Shaw	1808-10	William Wetmore
1788-89	Joseph Cunningham	1809-23	Thomas Clark
1788-1800	Captain Francis Butler	1810	Thomas Kast
1789-90	Dr. Amos Winship	1811-28	Ephraim Locke
1789-91	John Stoddard	1811-24	Joseph Warren Revere
1789-1806	John Trueman	1811-34	John Rice
1792	Moses Bradley	1811	Oliver Farwell
1792	James Jones	1811-12	Joseph Tucker
1792-1802	Martin Bicker	1811	Peyton Gay
1792-94	Samuel Shaw	1812-24	Lynde Walter
1792	Andrew Newell	1812-14	Robert Fennelly
1793-1810	James Ivers	1812-19	Joseph Adams
1793-1807	Dr. Thomas Kast	1812-13	Joseph Ruggles
1793-1803	Edward Wentworth	1813	James Howe
1793-94	Eleazer Homer	1813-15	John Thorndike
1795-1802	Perez Morton	1813-40	Charles Williams
1795-1800	Anthony Otheman	1814	John Nichol
1795-1813	William Walter, Jr.	1814-15	William Wilson
1796-99	Samuel Parker	1815-16	John Dixwell
1800-01	Nathaniel Smith	1815-26	William Simpson
1801-03	Lynde Walter	1816-20	Samuel Nichols
1801	Thomas Walter	1817-38	John Wilson
1801-03	Thomas Andrews	1817	John Andrews
1801	Daniel Malcom	1818-23	John Sowdon
1801	John Adams	1820-26	George Harris
1801	Thomas May	1820-22	Nathaniel Greenwood
1801	William Jackson		Snelling
1801-04	Benjamin Goodwin	1821-27	Aaron Wright
1801	Isaac Scholfield	1821	James Sargent
1802-03	Robert Gardner	1821-28	Robert Cain
1803-05	Samuel Ruggles	1823-40	Dr. John Bacon
1803-05	William Fenno	1823-31	Joseph Wentworth In- graham
1804-29	Rev. Asa Eaton, <i>ex officio</i>	1825-29	Charles Wade
1804-19	Shubael Bell	1825-29	Thomas F. Davidson
1804	James Leverett	1825-26	Joseph Bear
1805-06	Matthew Lodge	1827-31	James Pierce
1805	James Sivrett	1827-40	Robert McCleary Cope- land
1805-06	John West Folsom	1828-31	Fred LeCain
1806	Joseph Tucker	1828-34	William Cutter Stimpson

1828-31	John Sowdon, Jr.	1854	William Wallace Mair, resigned
1829	James Stowers		W. A. Crockett, chosen
1831-38	Thomas Hill		William Gault
1831-35	Fred Clark	1854-56	John Robert Haslam
1833	James Riley	1855-56	William Albert Crockett
1833-40	Robert Farley	1855-58	John Wooley
1833-42	Cornelius Cannon	1855-69	Dr. Henry B. Skinner, died
1833-40	John McKay	1856	Robert Howe, chosen
1829-39	Rev. William Croswell		R. Tucker
1834-40	Henry Hardy Hugge- ford	1856	John H. Vallette
1835-39	Joseph Clark	1857	J. Holland
1836	Ruggles Slack	1857-61	Eugene H. Sampson
1836-40	James Salter	1857-58	John M. Scott
1837	Samuel Foster	1857	Charles McIntier
	McCleary	1857-58	John Henry Oviatt
1837-40	Elias Waters Goddard	1858-63	Richard Bradford, re- signed
1838-40	Frederick Henry Stimpson		Z. Hancock, chosen
1839-40	Charles P. Gordon		Zachariah Hancock
1840-52	Rev. John Woart	1858	James McConnell
1841-54	Dr. John Bacon	1859-70	John M. Scott
1841-53	Elias Waters Goddard	1859-61	William A. Berry
1841-51	James Salter	1859	Charles Letts
1841-53	Charles Williams	1859-66	Hugh Dever
1841-44	Charles P. Gordon	1859-62	Thomas H. Johnston, resigned 1861
1841-42	Robert McCleary Cope- land	1860-71	Ware Wilkinson, chosen
1841-55	John McKay	1860	Hugh Connor
1841-54	Alexander Wood	1860-63	James B. Reed
1841-73	David Pulsifer	1861-68	Rev. John T. Burrell
1841-42	Thomas Hill, Jr.	1861	Richard Whitten
1841-48	William Munroe	1861	George E. Bennett
1842-55	William Alexander Haslam	1862	Joshua Frederick Samp- son
1842	John McGann		George E. Hatton
1843-53	James Benjamin	1862-63	Richard B. Roberts
1843-56	James Lynde	1863-67	John Fox
1843-44	James Hobbs	1863-64	William Wilkinson
1845-46	John McCallum	1864-65	Oliver Leonard Briggs
1845-50	Robert Lewis	1864-65	Edward McGinnis
1847	Thomas G. Batchelder	1864-70	Josiah A. Whitman
1847-54	George Washington Collamore	1865	Michael Sewell
1847-48	Dr. Thomas Germaine	1865-74	Benjamin Woodward
1848-53	William Pearce Parrott	1866-73	William Munroe
1848-53	John Bogardus	1866-68	Alonzo Warner
1850-54	Abel H. Coffin	1867	John C. McKay
1853-60	Rev. William T. Smithett	1867	Rev. Henry Burroughs
		1868-82	

1868-71	Robert Copithorn	1896-97	Richard A. Ripley
1868-74	John Waugh	1898-1909	William Albert Carrie
1869-71	Lewis G. Green	1905-1911	John Duncan Bryant
1869-77	Edward McDonald	1908-1912	Charles Henry Douglas
1871-73	William Otis Lincoln	1908-11	John King Jones
1871-76	Joseph Warren Green, Jr.	1911, Aug.	Frank H. March
1873-97	Henry Walker	1910	James Edward Stone
1874	Henry F. Magee	1911	Albert Collins
1874-76	Thomas Mair	1911-	Matilda Frances Bibbey
1874	S. W. R. Sneadon	1911	Frederick Russell Le Count
1875-81	Daniel Byron	1912-13	Rt. Rev. Samuel Gavitt Babcock
1875	Henry S. Smith	1912-14	Rt. Rev. William Law- rence
1875-76	Henry W. Hollbrook	1912-17	Hugh Walker Ogden
1875-76	Alfred B. Mills	1912-13	James Frederick How- arth
1876-81	Richard S. Brown	1912	Frederick Collins Fol- som
1878-81	Fraucis James Munroe	1914-	Henry Watmough Mon- tague
1882-92	Rev. William Henry Munroe	1914-	Rev. William Herbert Dewart
1882-1911	John Douglas	1918	Allan Forbes
1882-90	Frederick Russell Le Count	1918-	George Richardson
1882-1904	Alexander W. Freeman	1918-	Albert Livingston Saw- yer
1884-87	George Walker McCon- nell	1918-	Henry Forbes Bigelow
1884-90	John Henry Krey	1919	Charles Knowles Bol- ton
1887	Thomas Hall	1920	Richard Henry Dana
1888-1909	William Sanby	1921	Ingersoll Amory
1890-93	Joseph James Feeley	1922-	William Chase Conant
1891-1907	George Henry Spar- hawk		
1893-1910	Rev. Charles Williams Duane		
1893	Andrew Thompson		
1894-1909	Andrew Burnett		



COL. HENRY WALKER
Treasurer 1873 - 1889



SHUBAEL BELL
A distinguished Senior Warden 1812 - 1819

Treasurers

There was also a Collector

1723-1801	The Wardens?	1859	Hugh Dever
1801	Voted: To have a	1860	Charles Letts
	Treasurer	1861	George E. Bennett
	Benjamin Goodwin	1862-63	Charles Letts
1819-32	Thomas Clark	1864-66	Richard B. Roberts
1832-35	Frederick Clark	1867	Thomas H. Johnson
1835-36	Robert Farley	1867-68	Alonzo Warner
1836	Charles Williams	1868-71	Robert Copithorn
1839	Thomas Hill	1873-99	Henry Walker
1840	Frederick Henry Stimp-	1900-09	William Albert Carrie
	son	1910-11	John Duncan Bryant
1841-42	William Munroe	1911, Aug.	Frank H. March
1844-45	David Pulsifer	1912-13	James Frederick How-
1846-54	Elias Waters Goddard		arth
1857-58	William Albert Crock-	1914-	Henry Watmough Mon-
	ett		tague

Clerks

It is often difficult to distinguish from the records a "proprieters' clerk," a "vestry clerk," and a "church clerk" (who read the lessons).

Proprietors' Clerks

1731	Clerk to be chosen
1749-66	James Sherman
1767-73	John Farnum
1780-84	Salary paid to a clerk
1785-94	Joseph Helyer
1795	William Walter, Jr.
1799-1801	Joseph Helyer
1799	Nathaniel Smith
1801	Thomas Walter
1802-04	Lynde Walter

Vestry Clerks

1727	Thomas (?) Bennett
1733-39	Francis Beteilhe
1740-49	John Legg
1760-72	Thomas Ivers
1772	James Sherman
1773	John Davis, Parish
	Clerk

Proprietors' and Vestry Clerks

1805-07	John May, Jr.	1837-40	Elias Waters Goddard
1808	George Odin	1840-54	<i>Proprietors' Records</i> (no Vestry Records)
1809	Edward Horsum		
1810-11	Thomas Clark	1841-44	Alexander Wood
1812-26	John Rice	1845-47	Thomas G. Bachelder
1827	Joseph Wentworth In- gram	1848	William Pearce Parrott
1828	John Rice	1848-52	George Washington Collamore
1829-31	Joseph Wentworth In- gram	1853	Abel H. Coffin
1832	Frederick Clark	1854	George Washington Collamore
1833-36	Robert McCleary Cope- land		(Goddard Party)

Proprietors' Clerks

1854	Eugene H. Sampson	1854	Abel H. Coffin
1855-57	William Albert Crockett	1855-56	John Robert Haslam
1857	John Henry Oviatt	1857	John Henry Oviatt
1858	William Alexander Haslam	1858	William Albert Crockett
1859	William Albert Crock- ett	1858-59	Zachariah Hancock
1860	Charles Letts	1859	Charles Letts
1860	John Robert Haslam	1859	Hugh Dever
1861	Abel H. Coffin	1860	James McConnell
1862	William Albert Crockett	1861	George E. Bennett
1863	George E. Hatton	1862	Charles Letts
1864	Richard B. Roberts	1863	James B. Reed
1865	Josiah A. Whitman	1864	Dana Estes
1866-68	Michael Sewell	1865	Josiah A. Whitman
1869-73	Lewis G. Green	1866-69	James McConnell
1874-82	Joseph Warren Green, Jr.	1870-73	Edward McDonald
1882-1911	Thomas Hall	1874-81	Thomas Mair
1911-13	John King Jones	1881-83	Francis James Munroe
1914-17	Hugh Walker Ogden	1884-90	John Henry Krey
1918-	Henry Forbes Bigelow	1890-93	Joseph James Feely
		1893-1910	George Henry Spar- hawk
		1911	John Duncan Bryant
		1911	John King Jones
		1912-17	Hugh Walker Ogden
		1918-	Henry Forbes Bigelow

Librarian

1919- Edward Percival Merritt

Sextons

1726-33	Pierce Tickle	1842-54	James Lynde
1733-38	John Stow	1854-56	Joseph Parks
1738-39	Adam Ward	1856	Peter Berg
1740-48	John Hooper	1857	Charles Compton
1748-65?	Thomas Brooks	1857	Hugh Dever
1766	Elias Cocks	1861?-62	Joshua (?) Crooks
1767-72	William Combdon	1862-66	Charles Roberts
1772?-1804?	Robert Newman	1866-71	Hugh Parker
	(mentioned as sexton 1799)	1871	Edward McDonald
		1871-85	Charles Downer
1789	Alexander Davidson	1885-88	Newton Glaister
1805	David Darling	1888-95	Charles Downer
1812-21	John Francis Newton	1895-1912	James Joseph Rudd
1822?-26	H. Reddington	1912-	John Thomas Slade
1835?-41	Joseph Willcutt, Jr.		

Bell-ringers

The Sexton was sometimes bell-ringer.

1750-51	William Burbank	1861-63	Mr. Nichols
1753	Bartholomew Ballard	1864-68	Warner Burrill
1755	John Brooks	1868-87	George Walker McConnell
1769	William Combdon, sexton, has leave to ring	1868-78?	John Parker
1780	Robert Newman	1880-87	Frederick Morse Jewell (father of Charles)
1797	Robert Newman		
1824-26	John Pronk, Jr.	1888-90	Charles Henry Jewell
1847-60?	John H. S. Jewell (older brother of F. M. Jewell)	1894-95	Old Colony Guild of Bell Ringers
		1895-	Charles Henry Jewell
1861	Mr. Metcalf, 4 months		

Organists

Sometimes also Choristers. There was an organ blower.

1736-43	William Price			Mrs. William Crosswell)
1743-45	Lewis Deblois			
1749-50	Timothy Buck	1841		Charles T. Plimpton
1750-53	William Johnson (son of Thomas)	1842-43		James W. Bailey
		1843-47		Benjamin Franklin Leavens (music teacher)
1755-59	John Cutler			
1760	Stephen Deblois	1848		E. H. Frost
1761-69	James Barrick	1855-57		John H. Vallette
1772-74	John Newman (stricken at the organ)	1858-59		Charles Simmons (organ maker)
1788-90	William Bright			
1791-94	Dr. Josiah Leavitt	1859		William R. Bradford
1796-98	Dr. John L. Berkenhead	1859		Charles Simmons
		1865-66		Miss Ilsley
1803-04	Joshua Wetherle	1867?-72		Joseph Warren Green, Jr.
1809-19?	George C. Sweeney	1872-73		Miss Estelle Woodward
1821-24	James Hooton	1873-74		Mrs. William Kent Stone
1825-26	Ann Ross			
1827-	Robert Lyon, Charles Smith, and John Sowdon, volunteers	1875-80		Stephen Higginson Tyng
		1881		Mrs. E. M. Turner
1836-38	Jane A. Living	1882-1907		Mrs. W. H. Winthrop (Wilhelmina Evart)
1839	George W. Lloyd			
1840	Amanda Tarbell (later	1907-		George Russell Loud

Collectors

1862	Charles Letts	1885-86		Newton Glaister
1871-72	Edward McDonald	1886-95		John Douglas
1872-85	Charles Downer			

Doorkeeper

-1753 Mr. Oxman, deceased

Superintendents of Sunday School

The Sunday School met 1815-21 in the Salem Street Academy; then for two years in the gallery of the church; then in the Eliot School, North Bennet Street. Later the vestry at the rear of the church was used. The School was given up about 1908. There were many officers, secretaries, treasurers, librarians, etc. Some of the superintendents were :

- 1815-17 John Ruggles Cotting
1817-18 Benjamin Clark Cutler Parker
1818 Rev. Benjamin Clark Cutler; Mr. Parker again; Theodore Edson
1818-19 John Ruggles Cotting
1819-39? Joseph Wentworth Ingraham, an untiring administrator, teacher, writer
18— -75 Benjamin Woodward
In his day the Sunday School met at 9 A.M. and 1.30 P.M.
The Church met at 10.30 A.M. and 3 P.M.—a busy day.
1875-78 Edward McDonald
1878-1881? Francis James Munroe
1882?-1892? Frederick Russell Le Count
1893?-1908? Rev. Charles Williams Duane

Between 1885 and 1895 there was an Infant Class taught by Miss Maria A. Walker and Miss Georgianna Douglas. About 75 scholars met in the upper room of the vestry.





